Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 1**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) Princess September 1) I Believe Merchant

Of

2) A Tiger in the Tunnel 2) Psalm of life Venice (Act I)

**Std X Set H**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “You look not well, Signior Antonio: You have too much respect upon the world…”**

1. What does Antonio respond to the given line? 2
2. How does Gratiano want to spend his life? 3
3. Explain the Elizabethan’s belief about jaundice. 3

**Q2) “They would be better if well followed…”**

1. What does the word ‘they’ refer to? Who says these lines? 2
2. What would happen if people start practising what they preach, according to Portia? 3
3. What communication lapse would Portia face with young baron of England? 3

**Q3) “But I firmly believe I’ve to complete….”**

1. What importance does the word ‘but’ carry in the sentence? 2
2. Who are the human angels? Which treasures are spoken about, in the poem? 3
3. Which condition is set forward by the poet in the first line? What will happen if it is fulfilled? 3

**Q4) “Footprints, that perhaps another…”**

1. Explain the word ‘another’. How will the footprints help? 2
2. How should men be in their own battle of life? 3
3. What does the poet urge the readers to do in the last stanza? 3

**Q5) “Once more he fumbled for his matches?”**

1. When did he fumble for his matches before this? Why? 2
2. Which sounds were heard? How did the listener react? 3
3. Whose shadow leapt up and down after this line? Where? Why? 3

**Q6) ‘A woman is a woman’s worst enemy’. Explain this quote with reference to Princess September. 8**