Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Fire Buckets, Animal Farm (Chapter 1)**

**Std VIII- PPS Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions with reference to the context.**

1. **As soon as the light in the bedroom went out…. (2)**
   1. **What happened after the given line?**

Ans: As soon as the light in the bedroom went out, there was a stirring and fluttering all through the farm buildings.

* 1. **What word had gone round?**

Ans: Word had gone round that Old Major had had a strange dream on the previous night and he wished to communicate it to the other animals.

1. **Alone among the animals on the farm he never laughed… (2)**
2. **Who does the word ‘he’ refer to? Why did he never laugh, according to the writer?**

Ans: The word ‘he’ refers to the donkey, Benjamin. According to the writer, he never laughed as he saw nothing to laugh at.

1. **Whom was he devoted to? How would they usually spend their time?**

Ans: He was devoted to Boxer; the two of them usually spent their Sundays together in the small paddock beyond the orchard, grazing side by side and never speaking.

1. **First came the three dogs…. (2)**
2. **Name the three dogs**

Ans: Bluebell, Jessie and Pincher

1. **Who came after the dogs? Where did they settle down?**

Ans: The pigs came after the dogs. They settled down in the straw immediately in front of the platform.

1. **She took a place near the front and…. (2)**
2. **What did she do next? Why?**

Ans: She started flirting her white mane. As she hoped to draw attention to the red ribbons with which she had plaited her mane.

1. **Who was absent for the meeting? Where was he?**

Ans: Moses, the tame, raven was absent for the meeting. He was sleeping on a perch behind the back door.

1. **Mr Jones had locked the hen-houses for the night but… (2)**
   1. **Complete the given sentence.**

Ans: but was too drunk to remember to shut the pop-holes.

* 1. **Which non-living object ‘danced from side to side’? Why?**

Ans: ‘The ring of the light from his lantern’ danced from side to side as Mr Jones lurched across the yard.

1. **So famous was he that not just others, he himself had forgotten… (3)**
   1. **Who is ‘he’ here? What had he forgotten? Why?**

Ans: ‘He’ is Seth here. He had himself forgotten his name. It was because his shop was the only shop in the entire village.

1. **They never tried to check it if was working…. (4)**
   1. **Who are ‘they’ here? What does the word ‘it’ refers to? What was adult’s opinion about it?**

Ans: ‘They’ are hospital staff. It refers to the fire extinguisher. The staff wondered if it would work as they had never used it.

1. **Mention the preparation by three members. (3)**

Ans: Swaroopamma, the nurse, went home and soaked her white uniform in bleach that she would use sparingly, for she knew bleach would reduce the life of clothes. Baruah, the accounts clerk, left immediately to round up any eggs. He would need them for pudding. His puddings were famous. It was best to start collecting them soon. Radha Trivedi, the doctor, made sure that everything was in place- the steel medicine trays washed and clean, the thermometers with their faces buried in little jars, the steel syringes with their narrow glass panels lined with a measuring table and needles all boiled and clean. A day prior to Heinlein’s arrival, the hospital was given an extra scrubbing. Sheets were closely examined and the best were kept aside to be changed the next morning. On the day of his arrival, the hospital staff was busy with the work of looking after patients. The sheets had been changed, the patients were being sponged, temperatures were being recorded and the compounder was making neat packets of medicines prescribed.

**(Any 3 points in brief)**