Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**First Semester Examination**

**Std IX Set A**

**Marks 80 2 hours**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1 16***

***“Well, keep me company but two years more …”***

1. To whom are these lines said? What will happen, if the speaker keeps company for two more years? How does Antonio react to this? 3
2. What has Bassanio wasted his money on, according to his own confession to Antonio? 3
3. How does Bassanio describe the uselessness of Gratiano’s speech? 3
4. Why should melancholy not be used as a bait? 3
5. How does Bassanio describe Portia? 4

***Question 2 16***

***“I am debating of my present store, and, by the near guess of my memory…”***

1. Who is ‘I’ here? Was he/she really debating of his/her present store? Justify. 3
2. Give an idea about the argosies of Antonio. 3
3. Which custom is Antonio willing to break? Why? 3
4. What does Shylock tell Bassanio about his financial condition while thinking about giving the loan? 3
5. What analogy does Shylock give Antonio to justify charging of interest? 4

**Section B- Poetry**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 3 16***

***Cheering on all the young women and men then the final event of the day was approaching…***

1. Who are these young women and men? Where have they come from? Why? 3
2. Which games are being referred to? What is the significance of such games? 3
3. How did the athletes stand before the race began? 3
4. Were all the contestants determined to win? How do you know? 3
5. Explain: Nine Gold Medals 4

***Question 4 16***

***‘And to the presence in the room he said’***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? Which other words are addressed to the presence? Mention any two archaic words with their meanings from the poem? 3
2. What has the poet compared the angel to? Why? 3
3. What happened the next night? What did the angel show Abou? 3
4. How did Abou Ben Adhem react when he heard the angel’s answer? What does this tell us about him? 3
5. Name and explain figure of speech in the following lines: 4
   1. Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace
   2. Nay, not so

**Section C- Prose**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 5 16***

***Now the red man implored, ‘Please, please I will speak slowly...’***

1. Where has this red man come from? What was he wearing? How did his clothes cause confusion? 3
2. Why does Muni’s wife call ‘chewing drumstick out of sauce’ as an unholy craving? 3
3. What can we imply about relations between people of Kritam and Kuppam? 3
4. Why did the red man implore? 3
5. Was Muni a regular smoker? Give substantial evidence from the story. 4

***Question 6 16***

How does Hemmingway show that war disrupts the lives of the civilians in ‘Old Man at the Bridge’?