Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

**ENGLISH Paper- 2**

**Set E**

***(Two hours)***

*Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.*

*You will* ***not*** *be allowed to write during the first* ***15*** *minutes.*

*This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.*

*The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.*

*Attempt* ***five*** *questions in all.*

*The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ]*

**SECTION A- DRAMA**

*The Merchant of Venice: Shakespeare*

**Question 1.**

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

***Nay, indeed, if you had your eyes,***

***you might fail of the knowing me,***

***it is a wise father that knows his own child.***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? Where is the scene taking place?

[3]

1. How does the listener realize that the speaker is indeed speaking the truth? [3]
2. What part about the speaker has surprised the listener? How does the speaker respond to it? [3]
3. What has old Gobbo got for the Shylock? Why? [3]
4. How does Launcelot describe his condition under his old master? What does he want to do about it? [4]

**Question 2.**

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

***What judgement shall I dread doing no wrong?***

***You have among you many a purchased slave, which like your…***

1. What justification does Shylock give for his action? [3]
2. What advice does Shylock give to the audience? [3]
3. How does Shylock challenge the Duke through this speech? [3]
4. How does the duke immediately respond to this speech? [3]
5. What state of mind is Antonio in during the proceedings of the court here? Give examples to substantiate? [4]

**SECTION B- POETRY**

*A Collection of Poems*

**Question 3.**

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

***The boat is lower’d, the boatmen row,***

***And to the Inchcape Rock they go….***

1. Which boat is referred to? Why are the boatmen going to the Inchcape Rock? [3]
2. What happened after the Bell is cut? What does the doer quote? [3]
3. Who was Sir Ralph? Why did he hate the Abbot? [3]
4. How different was the climate before and after cutting the bell? [3]
5. Explain the relevance of the title ‘The Inchcape Rock’. [4]

**Question 4.**

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

***I am not against. We have to change with times***

1. Who is ‘I’ here? What is he not against? Why? [3]
2. Why does the narrator say that he wants to change with times? [3]
3. Mention about the narrator’s family background. [3]
4. What is the price of old age, according to the poet? [3]
5. Is the poem a satire to the Indian society? Justify. [4]

**SECTION C- PROSE**

*Collection of Short Stories*

**Question 5.**

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

***On returning home, I found that a full-scale row had broken….***

1. Who is ‘I’ here? Which ‘row’ is being spoken about? Why? [3]
2. What did the narrator learn immediately after this incident? [3]
3. What is being spoken about the Bengali culture and its association with the word ‘in-laws’? [3]
4. Which were the two routine exchanges between the old man and the little girl? [3]
5. Was the narrator modernist in thinking? Justify. [4]

**Question 6.**

Was conscience a guide to the two friends’ decision in ‘God lives in the Panch’? [16]