Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 4**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) The Bet 1) Small pain in… Merchant

Of

2) Journey by NIght 2) In the Bazaars of… Venice (Act IV)

**Std X Set D**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** According to the law of Venice if it is found against any alien that he has planned by direct or indirect attempts to take away the life of any citizen then he would be held guilty and penalized. Half of his wealth would go to the person against whom the plot was made and the other half would come to the private coffers of the state. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** According to Portia it has been evident clearly that there was a plan made by Shylock to take away the life of Antonio. It is visible directly as well as indirectly. It is because of this that he falls under the ambit of this law. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** Gratiano is the one who reacts immediately to this statement. He tells Shylock to beg the duke that he should be given the leave to hang himself. Then he taunts Shylock by saying that since he has nothing left he should be hanged at the expense of the State. **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Portia to Bassanio. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Bassanio says that the ring was given to him by his wife and so he was hesitant to give it. He says that his wife had taken a vow from him that he was supposed to neither sell, nor give nor lose the ring. To honour that vow he was not giving the ring. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Antonio requests Bassanio to part away with the ring. He says that the judge deserved it and also that the deserving of the ring by the judge and his friendship should be paired together and seen against the commandment of his wife Portia. **3 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** The speaker seems to be very sophisticated and well-mannered in talking. In spite of the pain that he is in he is indeed very well-mannered in his way of talking. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** He asks for a sip of water. He says that he is injured in the battle and has sat down with a small pain in his chest. He feels that a sip of water will do hi good. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The speaker looks around for some medical aid. He is seriously injured after the explosion and has pain in his chest that he calls as small. He can only notice craters around him and dead bodies strewn around. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** The objects which are made by goldsmiths are bracelets, anklets, rings, girdle for the dancers. They also make scabbards of gold for the swords of the kings and delicate bells of silver for the feet of pigeons. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** The poet is trying to highlight the versatility of these craftsmen of gold by mentioning these. A different art is required to shape each of these things.

**2 marks**

**Ans iii)** The fruitmen are selling fruits like citron, pomegranate, and plum. On the other hand musicians are keeping the people entertained by playing music. The implements mentioned are sitar, sarangi and drum. **3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Sher Singh is being mentioned here. He has been accompanied by the other villagers of Laldwani. They have gone as beaters whereas Sher Singh is a shikari.

**3 marks**

**Ans ii)** Kunwar lay crying on a low string charpoy in his mud and grass hut. He would sometimes cough because of the smoke but mostly was glazed and silent.

**2 marks**

**Ans iii)** The mother did not take Kunwar to the hospital as she had to stay behind to mind the cattle loads and work the lands. Without that being done, they would starve and they were aware of it. The belief of the villagers was that once taken to the hospital the patients usually died and the hospital was the last resort of the doomed. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

The first year of his confinement the young lawyer suffered great amount of loneliness and depression. He played the piano and refused wine and tobacco. He read light novels and sensational and fantastic stories. In the second year the piano was silent and he read only classics. But in the fifth year the music was audible again and he asked for wine. He principally only spent time eating, drinking, sleeping and occasionally talking angrily to himself. He did not read books. In the second half of sixth year he began studying zealously languages, philosophy and history. The next four years saw him reading six hundred books. He wrote a letter in six languages and happy to find a common thread binding the geniuses of all ages. The next year was spent only reading the Gospel followed by theology and histories of religions. The last two years were spent reading books indiscriminately. Natural sciences, Byron, Shakespeare, chemistry, medicine, novels, theology, philosophy all were included. His condition showed a man swimming in the sea among the wreckage of his ship, trying to save his life desperately by clutching whatever came his way. **8 marks**