Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Animal Farm Chapter 7, Dying Detective**

**Std VIII-PPS Set B**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

1. **“There are many strange diseases in the East.”**
2. **Who said the above line and to whom? (2)**
3. **Who was Watson going to fetch and why? (3)**

*a. Holmes said these lines to Dr. Watson.*

1. *Watson was going to fetch Dr Ainstree who was in London. He was the greatest living authority on tropical disease.*
2. **“Put it down! Down this instant!”**
3. **What does ‘it’ refer to? Who was asked to put it down? (2)**
4. **What may surprise Watson? (3)**
5. *It was small black and white ivory box with sliding lid. Dr Watson was asked to put it down.*
6. *According to Holmes, it would surprise Watson that the man who is best-versed in Tapanuli Fever and Black Formosa Corruption is not a medical man but a planter. Mr. Smith was a well-known resident of Sumatra.*
7. **“It was a bitter winter”**
8. **What decision was taken about rebuilding the walls? (3)**
9. **Describe the weather when the windmill was rebuilt? (2)**
10. *It had been decided to build the walls three feet thick this time instead of eighteen inches as before, which meant collecting much larger quantities of stone.*
11. *It was a bitter winter. The stormy weather was followed by sleet and snow, and then by a hard frost which did not break till well into February. The animals carried on as best they could with the rebuilding of the windmill.*
12. **Only Boxer and Clover never lost heart.**
13. **What rumours were spread by the humans? (2)**
14. **What happened to the food in the month of January? (3)**
15. *The human beings were inventing fresh lies about Animal Farm. Once again it was being put about that all the animals were dying of famine and disease, and that they were continually fighting among themselves and had resorted to cannibalism and infanticide.*
16. *In January food fell short. The corn ration was drastically reduced, and it was announced that an extra potato ration would be issued to make up for it. The potatoes had become soft and discoloured, and only a few were edible. For days at a time the animals had nothing to eat but chaff and mangels.*