Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION**

**Std VIII-NES Set B**

**Marks 80 2 hrs**

Note:-Attempt **ANY SEVEN** questions from Q.1-Q.8

Last Question is compulsory.

**Question 1**

***When I heard the astronomer where he lectured…. 10***

* + 1. Who is ‘I’ here? Whom does he refer to? Where is the lecture taking place? [3]

1. How contrasting is the lecture for the speaker and the others? [3]
2. Mention the two figures of speech in the following line: [4]

In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time;

**Question 2**

***‘People must keep calm. People are people. They could not keep calm.’*** ***10***

1. Why people didn’t keep calm? [3]
2. How did people react? What did they do? [3]
3. Does this story reflect upon our society? Elaborate. [4]

**Question 3**

***‘What does it matter to me, if they can write...’ 10***

1. Who does the word ‘me’ refer to? Who are ‘they’ in the poem? Why is the speaker not bothered? [3]
2. What is the ‘brunt’ which the poet is talking about? [3]
3. Explain: ‘My pack of unruly hounds’. To whom does he call so? Why? [4]

**Question 4**

***“Come on, Robutt” he shouted…..’***  ***10***

1. How does Robutt react immediately after this dialogue? How was he able to hear? [3]
2. Who is Moonborn in the story? How is he different from others? [3]
3. Is this story a sci-fi? Mention the elements that suggest it is science fiction story. [4]

**Question 5**

***‘From time to time he dug a six-penny coin out of a waistcoat pocket and stared at it ruefully…’ 10***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? Mention the different things that were turned out on the seat next to him. [4]
2. How did Philip Sletherby react after the two curses emitted by the other occupant? [3]
3. How contrasting were those two men who greeted Philip at the platform? [3]

**Question 6**

***‘When the night comes, to lie down in peace….’ 10***

1. What has the poet expressed in the sentence that comes immediately after this? [2]
2. Who are envied? [3]
3. Explain: stranger’s shell [3]
4. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? Mention the reason. [2]

**Question 7**

***I nearly called out in my joy and excitement….. 10***

1. Who is the speaker? Where does this scene take place? What does the word ‘nearly’ meaning, here? [3]
2. Mention any three clues to indicate that Sherlock was not ill. [3]
3. Explain the line: You are not yourself. A sick man is but a child [4]

**Question 8**

***‘Will ye not come home brother? Ye have been long away,’ 10***

1. Who is referred as ‘brother’? Who is speaker of these lines? Where is the ‘home’? [3]
2. Which month is mentioned in the next month? What does its onset symbolize? [3]
3. Mention the sights and sounds that tempt the poet homewards. [4]

***Question 9***

***‘Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high’ 10***

1. What do you understand by the head being held high? [3]
2. What kind of world has the poet dreamt of? [3]
3. Give an example of Personification and Alliteration from the poem. Explain them. [4]

***Question 10 10***

1. What would the wind cooling the broth remind Salarino of? [2]
2. Who said that Antonio was in love? What was Antonio’s reaction to that remark? [2]
3. Give meanings of: [6]
4. Do a wilful stillness entertain
5. Though Nestor swear the jest be laughable
6. That I have much ado to know myself