Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 1**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) Princess September 1) I Believe Merchant

Of

2) A Tiger in the Tunnel 2) Psalm of life Venice (Act I)

**Std X Set E**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) ‘I am debating of my present store: And by the near guess of my memory…’**

1. Why does Bassanio need three thousand ducats? 2
2. What does Antonio usually not do? 3
3. What does the extract imply? 3

**Q2) ‘I would have stay’d till I had made you merry, If worthier friends had not prevented me.’**

1. Who is the speaker? How has the speaker been trying to cheer his friend up? 2
2. What does Lorenzo do after Salerio and Solanio have left? 3
3. What is Gratiano’s assessment of Antonio when he enters after this interaction? 3

**Q3) Under the circumstances this was a very unfortunate remark for the little bird to make……**

1. What circumstances are being referred to in these lines? 2
2. How are the birds and animals described by the author at this time? 3
3. What was the consequence of Princess’ deed of imprisoning the bird? Was she justified in her deeds? 3

**Q4) What was the utility of the axe for Baldeo? How and how had it become a part of his life? 8**

**Q5) ‘In the world’s broad field of battle……’**

1. To what does the poet compare the world? Why is such a comparison made? 2
2. What is indicated by the expression ‘dumb driven cattle’? 3
3. Explain ‘Heart within and God o’erheard.’ 3

**Q6) ‘I believe I can do many things amidst the human angels’**

1. What are the ‘many things’ that the poet believes she can do? 2
2. Does ‘the role assigned’ act as a hindrance in achieving human dreams? Give reasons. 3
3. What does the poet believe to achieve in all the three realms of the universe- the atmosphere, the lithosphere and the hydrosphere? 3