Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Wall,**

**Whose place is it anyway,**

**Std VIII-PPS Set C**

**Marks 30 40 min**

***Question 1***

***‘Draw up to the fire, for I observe that you are shivering…’***

1. ***Who speaks these lines? To whom? What was the actual reason for the guest’s shivering? (3)***

*Ans: These words are spoken by Sherlock Holmes. These words are spoken to Julia. The actual reason for the guest’s shivering is terror and fear.*

1. ***How is the guest described in the beginning of the story? (2)***

*Ans: When Julia, the guest, came she spoke to Sherlock in a low voice. She raised her veil as she spoke and it was see that her face was drawn and grey with restless and frightened eyes.*

***Question 2***

***“Never,” I said. “But why do you ask?”***

1. ***What was asked? By Whom? (2)***

*Ans: The question asked by Helen was if Julia had ever heard anyone whistle in the dead of the night.*

1. ***Why did the speaker ask? What did the speaker do next? (3)***

*Ans: The speaker, Helen, asked this because during the last few nights, about three in the morning she would hear a low clear whistle. After saying this, Julia went in her room.*

***Question 3***

1. ***What are the threats faced by the hippos and the wolves of Ethiopia? (2)***

*Ans: Hippos cannot hide from illegal poachers’ guns and the wolves of Ethiopia can never/not trust humankind.*

1. ***Which creatures/animals are mentioned and mention the threat posed in the third stanza? (3)***

*Ans: The manta ray is troubled by pollution of the waters. The cats of the Andes scraper from a slaughter and the jaguar has to outrun the hunter’s cold pursuit.*

***Question 4***

1. ***Name two sharks mentioned in the poem. (1)***

*Ans: Whitetip shark and angel shark are mentioned in the poem.*

1. ***What message does the speaker convey in the last stanza of the poem? (4)***

*Ans: The speaker says that we should remember those creatures also with whom we share the Earth. We should also honour and value their true worth as we cannot let our best friends simply vanish without trace. So he urges everyone to work together and restore their rightful place.*

***Question 5***

1. ***When did Dravid announce his retirement? When was the speech given? (2)***

*Ans: Dravid announced his retirement on 9th March 2012. The speech was given on 27th March 2012.*

1. ***Which three Walls have been mentioned in the text? (3)***

*Ans: In Germany, it is the Berlin Wall. In China, it is The Great Wall of China and in India is a person, a cricketer- Rahul Dravid.*

1. ***Which different opportunities did Dravid get for playing for India? (3)***

*Ans: Playing for India gave him the opportunities to travel the world, to play on some of the greatest grounds in the world, in cities and countries that he had only heard of on the radio.*

1. ***Mention the people who are behind the scenes, according to Dravid. (2)***

*Ans: groundsmen, scorers, umpires and people who organise a game*