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 C**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) ‘If he should offer to choose, and to choose the right casket…’**

1. Who is ‘he’? Which casket will he choose? 2
2. Why does Portia feel appalled by him? 3
3. What are the difficulties between Portia and the Englishman? 3

**Q2) ‘O father Abram, what these Christians are….’**

1. What do you know about Father Abram? 2
2. Who is called ‘the unthrifty knave’? Why? 3
3. How does Shylock try to convince Bassanio that his motive is harmless? 3

**Q3) ‘He changed the names of all his daughters and called them……’**

1. Who is ‘he’ in above lines? Why does he do it? 2
2. Whose names had been changed the most? How was her/their nature? 2
3. What were the names given to his daughters earlier? Is it natural to do this? 4

**Q4) Show how ‘Tiger in the Tunnel’ is a story of an ordinary watchman showing extra-ordinary courage while performing his duties. 8**

**Q5) ‘Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime…’**

1. How do great men teach us? 2
2. How does the poet expect us to make our lives? 3
3. Do you think this poem is based on the idea of the supremacy of death? Give reasons for your answer. 3

**Q6) ‘I believe I can soar to the heights touch the silky clouds….’**

1. Comment on the phrase ‘silky clouds’ 2
2. Explain the symbolism given in the extract 3
3. What opinion do you form about the poetess in this poem? 3