Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

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

**Std VIII-PPS Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

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

1. **“I fear there is no other alternative….”**
2. **Who is speaker? Which alternative he can’t offer? (2)**
3. **Who was Victor? What had happened to him? (3)**
4. *The speaker is Holmes. He can’t offer any other alternative place of concealment in the room.*
5. *Victor was Culverton Smith’s nephew who was murdered by his own uncle. He was infected with an out-of-the-way Asiatic disease in the heart of London.*
6. **“I knew that you did it.”**
7. **Who said the above line? To whom? (2)**
8. **What does the word ‘it’ refer to? Which was the last shred of evidence? Where did it go? (3)**

1. *Holmes says it to Culverton Smith.*
2. *The word it refers to Victor’s death. The last shred of evidence was the ivory box. It went in Culverton’s right hand pocket of his coat.*
3. **Napoleon acted swiftly and ruthlessly.**
4. **What action was taken by Napoleon at this moment? (2)**
5. **What was stacked in the yard and for how many years? What advice did Mr Whymper give Napoleon in that context? (3)**
6. *He ordered the hens' rations to be stopped, and decreed that any animal giving so much as a grain of corn to a hen should be punished by death.*
7. *It happened that there was in the yard a pile of timber which had been stacked there ten years earlier when a beech spinney was cleared. It was well seasoned, and Whymper had advised Napoleon to sell it.*
8. **Napoleon decreed that there should be a full investigation into Snowball’s activities.**
9. **What alarming thing had been discovered? How did Napoleon carry out the investigation? (2)**
10. **Mention Snowball’s activities. (3)**
11. *Snowball was secretly frequenting the farm by night. With his dogs in attendance he set out and made a careful tour of inspection of the farm buildings, the other animals following at a respectful distance.*
12. *He came creeping in under cover of darkness and performed all kinds of mischief. He stole the corn, he upset the milk-pails, he broke the eggs, he trampled the seedbeds, he gnawed the bark off the fruit trees.*