Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Second Semester Examination**

**Std IX Set A**

**Marks 80 2 hours**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

***Question 1 16***

***‘Return in haste, for I do feast tonight… My best-esteem’d acquaintance.’***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom are they spoken to? Whom is ‘acquaintance’ referred to? 3
2. In what way does Shakespeare bring about humour in Gobbo’s speech with Bassanio? 3
3. What according to Bassanio would be a pity? Why? 3
4. How does Launcelot react when Gobbo tells him that he does not recognise him? 3
5. What does Launcelot say in a dialogue just before the lines given? 4

***Question 2 16***

***‘My daughter! O my ducats! O my daughter!’***

1. Who says these lines, here? Why? 3
2. What happened when the Duke and Shylock reached the harbour? 3
3. What information received from a French man does Salerio share with Solanio? 3
4. What did Shylock mention in his outburst on the streets? 3
5. What shows the strength of Bassanio’s and Antonio’s friendship in this scene? 4

***Question 3 16***

***‘He will not see me stopping here’***

1. Who is ‘he’ in the given lines? Which place does ‘here’ refer to? Why has the narrator stopped?3
2. What does the horse ask the narrator? How? Why? 3
3. What is the emotion of the narrator towards the owner of the woods? 3
4. Which sounds are mentioned in the poem? What kind of aura is created? 3
5. Explain the symbolism of the last stanza. 4

***Question 4 16***

***‘This thought disturbed me somewhat till I came…’***

1. Which thought is being spoken about? Why did it disturb the speaker? Who is the speaker? 3
2. What had happened to his legs? Was his strength restored later? 3
3. What had the soldier done for him? What is the symbolism of the action? 3
4. What did the doctor feel when his wife left him? 3
5. How are the people walking towards hospital described? Why? 4

***Question 5 16***

***‘Todd came after three weeks… ’***

1. Who is Todd? Where had Todd been? What did he send from there? 3
2. What did the narrator suggest on his return? Why do you think it was suggested? Did Todd agree? 3
3. How was the evening spent by the narrator and his friend? What was the narrator constantly thinking? 3
4. Which other three hints were given by the narrator? 3
5. At what point in the story does the narrator provide a twist? 4

***Question 6 16***

**In the context of the story’ God lives in the Panch’ bring out the similarities and the differences of the judgments of Alagu and Jumman.**