Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

First Terminal Examination

Std IX UNI Duration: 2 Hrs Marks 80

**Question 1 (16)**

***‘If it please you to dine with us…’***

1. Who is the speaker of the line? To whom does he say the above? Was the invitation accepted? 3
2. How does Shylock respond aside when he looks at Antonio? 3
3. What does Shylock tell Bassanio about his financial condition while thinking about giving the loan? 3
4. What is Shylock’s response to Antonio’s angry reaction? 3
5. What analogy does Shylock give Antonio to justify charging of interest? 4

**Question 2 (16)**

***‘Mislike me not for my complexion…’***

1. Who said the above line to whom? Where does this scene take place? 3
2. What limitation does Portia confess in the case of her marriage? 3
3. How does speaker try to prove his bravery? 3
4. What does Portia assure Morocco as far as his complexion is concerned? 3
5. What analogy is used to compare the condition of the caskets? 4

**Question 3 (16)**

**‘*Ten thousand saw I at a glance***

***Tossing their heads in sprightly dance ….’***

1. What does the term ‘sprightly dance’ mean? Why has the poet used it for the daffodils? Which literary device is used here? 3
2. Whom did the daffodils outdo and how? How did it affect the poet? 3
3. Explain ‘inward eye’ and state its significance. 3
4. Mention the contrasting emotions that the narrator goes through in the beginning and at the end of the poem? 3
5. What does the poet link ‘wealth’ to? Why does he say so? 4

**Question 4 (16)**

***‘He gave out a cry of frustration and anguish…’***

1. How did the athletes stand before the race began? 3
2. What untoward incident happened during the race? How did the boy react? 3
3. What does the term ‘dashed in the dirt’ mean? Why has the poet used it? 3
4. What happened when the signal was given? What happened to the youngest one? 3
5. Justify the title. 4

**Question 5 (16)**

***‘Ask our village headman, who is also a money-lender; he can change***

***even a lakh of rupees in gold sovereigns if you prefer it that way…’***

1. How was the village headman according to Muni? Explain. 3
2. What advice does Muni give regarding the transportation of the two goats? What does he do then? 3
3. Did Muni recognise the hundred rupee note? What did he tell the foreigner? 3
4. Describe the shop that Muni dreamt of setting up. 3
5. Give four examples to show how language is a barrier in the story? 4

**Question 6 (16)**

Why had Jane become bitter over the years? Who helped in washing away the bitterness from her life and how?