Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Daffodils, Merchant of Venice (Act 1 Scene 1)**

**Std IX- JK Set B**

**Marks 30 45 min**

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

1. What were the daffodils doing in the breeze? Who were the daffodils competing with? (3)
2. The poet says ‘a poet could not but be gay’. When according to him will a poet not fail to be happy? (4)
3. Explain the meaning and the significance of ‘inward eye’ in the poem. (3)
4. What happens when the poet’s mind is vacant or in pensive mood? (3)
5. What was the Elizabethan belief about jaundice? In what way did Gratiano connect this belief with Antonio? (3)
6. In what way do Solanio, Salerio and Antonio show sophistication while parting from each other? (3)
7. Explain the comparison between melancholy and standing pond. Name the figure of speech mentioned. (4)
8. What does Gratiano tell Antonio about not using melancholy as? (3)
9. Mention the name of the Greek general who fought in Trojan War and his significance in Salerio’s speech. (2)
10. What does Antonio claim has sadness made of him? Why? (2)