Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 2**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) My Lost Dollar 1) Sonnet 14 Merchant

Of

2) Hunger 2) A Doctor’s Journal… Venice (Act II)

**Std X Set A**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) “Why, then to thee, thou silver treasure-house….”**

1. Why does prince call the silver casket, a treasure house? 2
2. What is the reaction of the speaker to the ‘title’ that he reads? 3
3. How does Arragon react after opening the casket? 3

**Q2) “A kinder gentleman treads not the earth…..”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Who is called the kinder gentleman? 2
2. How has the parting of Antonio and Bassanio described by the speaker? 3
3. What has Salerio (Salerino) heard and from whom? 3

**Q3) “But love me for love’s sake, that evermore….”**

1. The given line starts with ‘but’. What does it indicate? Why? 2
2. What does the poetess mean when she says “thou may’st love on” 3
3. What is do you understand by love’s eternity? Emphasise the importance of ‘through’?3

**Q4) “I turned my gaze, but was at a loss…”**

1. What made the narrator turn his eyes away? 2
2. Describe the physical and psychological sufferings shown in the extract? 3
3. What has appealed most to you? Give two examples to justify the opinions. 3

**Q5) “It happened quite simply and naturally, I hardly realized it till it was all over.”**

1. Who is ‘I’? What had happened? 2
2. What will ‘I’ remember all his life? 3
3. How long ago had this incident occurred? What was the date? Why do you think the author mentions it? 3

**Q6) Is Rizwan actually a ‘tout’ as suspected by Kasim? Give evidence from the story to substantiate your answer. 8**