Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 4**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) The Bet 1) Small pain in… Merchant

Of

2) Journey by NIght 2) In the Bazaars of… Venice (Act IV)

**Std X Set F**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) “I have possessed your Grace of what I purpose……”**

1. Who is speaking these lines? To Whom? 2
2. What has the speaker sworn? 3
3. What will happen if forfeit of the bond is denied, according to the speaker? 3

**Q2) “Sir, I would speak with you- I’ll see if I can get my husband’s ring.”**

1. Who is the ‘Sir’ here? Why is the person addressed as ‘Sir’? 2
2. Where is the scene taking place? Who gets the ring in the scene? How? 3
3. Why are the rings demanded? 3

**Q3) “It’s not true! I’ll bet you two million you wouldn’t stay in solitary confinement for five years.”**

1. What made the banker delighted at the bet? What do you figure out about his character from his delight? 2
2. How does the banker warn the lawyer at the supper? 3
3. What according to the banker was the motive of both sides for placing the bet? Is he happy about the bet in hindsight? 3

**Q4) What is courage? Does it lie in fighting heroic battles? Comment on the basis of the story ‘Journey by Night’.** **8**

**Q5) ‘What do you sell O ye merchants? Richly your wares are displayed.’**

1. Why does the poetess use the word ‘richly’? 2
2. What type of picture is portrayed about India? 3
3. Why does the poet begin the stanza with a question? 3

**Q6) ‘I don’t recall what happened then. I think I must have cried.**

1. Who is ‘I’ here? What he cannot recall and why? 3
2. Why does the speaker pull him by his side? 2
3. How is the irony shown here with the help of the wounds that both have suffered? 3