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 G**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) ‘I am not bound to please thee with my answers…’**

1. What does the Duke say in the opening dialogue? 3
2. What conversation takes place between Shylock and Bassanio after this dialogue? 3
3. How does Bassanio try to cheer up Antonio? 2

**Q2) ‘I am informed thoroughly of the cause…’**

1. Who is ‘I’ here? What is the cause? 2
2. Explain the pun in the word ‘sole’ 2
3. Mention the contents of the letter in short brought by Portia to the court. 4

**Q3) ‘Frail as a dragon-fly’s wings…’**

1. What is frail? Why? 2
2. What is made for the dancers and the kings? 2
3. Who are mentioned in the stanza just above this one? What do they sell? 4

**Q4) ‘I count myself more lucky than the rest…’**

1. Who is ‘I’ here? Whom does the word ‘rest’ refer to? 2
2. Why does he consider himself to be luckier? What had happened? 2
3. Compare the two wounds mentioned in the poem and their significance. 4

**Q5) Sher Singh could feel immediately the heat of the boy’s body burning….**

1. Through what could Sher Singh feel the heat of the body? What was it originally?

2

1. What else did Sher Singh feel? What did he wonder? 2
2. Describe the place around the village. 4

**Q6) ‘Books are man’s best friend’. Explain this quote with reference to the story ‘The Bet’. 8**