Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

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

**Std IX- JK Set A**

**Marks 30 45 min**

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

1. Explain the term ‘sprightly dance’. Who are dancing? Which literary device is used by the poet? (3)
2. Where did the poet see the daffodils? What were they doing? How many daffodils did the poet see at a glance? (3)
3. The poet says ‘a poet could not but be gay’. When according to him will a poet not fail to be happy? (4)
4. Describe in your own words the poet’s feelings when he sees the host of golden daffodils? (3)
5. What insecurities would come to Salerio if he were to see the sandy hour-glass and the church? (3)
6. How does Salerio explain the contrast of Antonio’s melancholy when Antonio says he is not in love? (4)
7. What does Gratiano tell Antonio about not using melancholy as? (3)
8. In what way do Solanio, Salerio and Antonio show sophistication while parting from each other? (3)
9. How is the world according to Antonio? What role has he to play? (2)
10. What is Salerio’s initial explanation for Antonio’s condition? (2)