Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Fire Buckets, Animal Farm (Chapter 1)**

**Std VIII- PPS Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions with reference to the context.**

1. **The two horses had just lain down when… (2)**
2. **Who are the two horses? Name them.**

Ans: Clover and Boxer are the two horses.

1. **What happened next?**

Ans: A brood of ducklings which had lost their mother filed into the barn.

1. **It is about this that I wish to speak to you. (2)**
2. **What does the word ‘this’ refer to? Who is ‘I’ here?**

Ans: The word ‘this’ refers to the nature of life. ‘I’, here, is Old Major.

1. **What kind of life are they living, according to the speaker?**

Ans: According to the speaker, they are living a miserable, laborious and

short life.

1. **Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. (2)**
2. **Mention any two examples to substantiate the given line.**

**Ans:** A man does not give milk, he doesn’t lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough and he cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits.

1. **According to the speaker, what will happen if Man is removed from the scene?**

**Ans:** According to the speaker, if a Man is removed from the scene the root cause of hunger and overwork is abolished forever.

1. **Fix your eyes on that, comrades… (2)**
2. **What does the word ‘that’ refer to? Till when does the speaker ask them to fix their eyes?**

**Ans:** The word ‘that’ refers to Rebellion against Man. The speaker asks the animals to fix their eyes throughout the short remainder of their lives.

1. **What will happen if the animals get rid of Man?**

Ans: If animals get rid of Man, the produce of their labour would be their own and almost overnight they would become rich and free.

1. **The vote was taken at once, ­and it was agreed by an overwhelming majority…. (2)**
   1. **What was agreed by an overwhelming majority? What was the issue all about?**

Ans: It was agreed by an overwhelming majority that rats were comrades.

* 1. **Who were the four dissentients?**

Ans: The four dissentients were the three dogs and the cat.

1. **This was a sensation- the news of his arrival. (3)**
   1. **Who is ‘he’ here? Why was ‘his’ arrival a sensation?**

**Ans:** ‘He’ here is the anthropologist Edward Heinlein. His arrival was a sensation because their village was a bored community and they would constantly look out for some excitement.

1. **He had no time to spare…. (3)**
   1. **Who had no time to spare? Why?**

**Ans:** Hazarika, the compounder, had no time to spare. He had already had a full day and he was looking forward to a nice evening with his one-year old son.

1. **Describe the hospital. (4)**

Ans: **(Following points to be mentioned in the answer)**

Spotlessly clean building- gleaming white walls and the most beautiful building in town-It had a thick cloth punkah-Three wards, one for males, the other for females and a special ward for TB patients-An operation theatre- it had a refrigerator-Fire buckets hung outside the hospital-The hospital had a fire extinguisher- The hospital was the axis around the place revolved. It also doubled as the newsroom and also radiated gossip.