Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Boy’s Best Friend, The Ant-Lion, The West Wind**

**Std VIII-NES Set B**

**Marks 25 35min**

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

**Q.1 Give meanings: (4)**

a. crater b. tendons c. bruised d. arena

**Q.2 Make sentences: (4)**

a. ruthlessly b. persistent c. lunar d. dexterous

**Q.3 Reference to context (6)**

*‘Jimmy has never seen one’*

**a. Who has said the above line? To whom? (2)**

Ans: Mrs. Anderson has said the above line. It was said to her husband, Mr.Anderson.

**b. What does ‘one’ refer to? What is the reason that he has never seen one? (4)**

Ans: ‘One’ here is the real dog. He has never seen one because he is MoonBorn and not been on Earth also because it costs enough and maintaining it isn’t easy.

**Q.4 Reference to context (5)**

‘It’s a fine land, the west land, for hearts as tired as mine…’

1. **How is the air described? Why? (2)**

Ans: The air is compared to wine because both are intoxicating and good for health.

1. **Which different parts of the body are mentioned in the poem? Describe them according to the poem. (3)**

Ans: The different parts of the body that are mentioned are the aching eyes, bruised hearts and tired feet.

**Q.5 Reference to context (6)**

*‘How many would he kill, I wonder?’*

**a. Who has said the above line? Who does the he refer to? What was the activity going on? (3)**

Ans: The above line was said by Max. The he here is the ‘ant-lion’. Max plans to get a new meat-ant to be given to the ant-lion. A discussion was going between Max and Morvenna regarding the three little ants being given to the ant-lion and the next ant that they were planning to give.

**b. Why did Morvenna scream? What was her next statement? (3)**

Ans: Morvenna screamed because she did not want Max to give a meat-ant to the ant lion. She clenched her hands but could not help looking round in the grass for the meat-ant track that led to the ant-hill farther up the slope. Her next statement was, ‘If you do Maxie, I’ll kill the lion. I will truly.’