Vikram ’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 2**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) My Lost Dollar 1) Sonnet 14 Merchant

Of

2) Hunger 2) A Doctor’s Journal… Venice (Act II)

**Std X Set H**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) To offend, and judge are distinct offices…**

1. Why does Portia say this dialogue? 2
2. Which casket is chosen by Arragon? What was written in the scroll? 4
3. What does Arragon say before leaving? 2

**Q2) ‘For she is wise, if I can judge of her;**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? Who is ‘she’ here? 3
2. How is the lady in question described by the speaker? 3
3. What does Gratiano say to Antonio after this? 2

**Q3) ‘Dejected, he looked around and started walking with tired steps.’**

1. Why was he dejected? What did he do next? 2
2. Which problems did he face back home? 3
3. Mention two similarities and differences between the two men. 3

**Q4) ‘Borrower’s memory is weaker than of the lender’s’. Explain this line with reference to the story ‘My Lost Dollar’ 8**

**Q5) ‘We’ll be fine’, I urged- ‘Let’s get out quickly’…**

1. Where are ‘they’ presently? Where do they want to go? Why? 3
2. What happened when they got out? Was it a normal sight? 3
3. How did Yecko- San emerge in front of the narrator? Why? 2

**Q6) ‘Thy comfort long, and lose thy love thereby’**

1. What will happen if she receives her lover’s comfort? 2
2. What does the poet imply by using the word ‘creature’? 2
3. Is the poet being realistic or idealistic? Justify. 4