Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Merchant of Venice (Act 2 Scene 2)**

**The Lost Dollar, The Professor**

**Std IX Set C**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer Key**

1. Gobbo wishes Bassanio and starts recommending his son to be taken in his service. But Launcelot intermittently interrupts before his father can complete any of his statements. Also, Gobbo uses malapropisms like ‘infection’ instead of ‘affection’ and ‘defect’ instead of ‘effect’. This adds to the humour in the scene.

2. Launcelot regularly interrupts his father in a witty manner while he is talking to Bassanio. He chooses his words well and also uses an old proverb to impress him. The old proverb means that some people have the grace of God and others have only enough. He says that this proverb is well-parted between his old master Shylock and Bassanio. Shylock only has enough while Bassanio has the grace of God.

3. Sarala and Tarala are the two daughters of the Professor. The names of the two daughters are rhyming. It is a common practice in our society.

4. The Professor belongs to a middle class urban family. A car is a symbol of social status for a middle class family. He is proud to convey that his sons enjoy high social status because they have cars.

5. taking cab, settling down, American Dollar

6. Whenever the narrator meets Todd, he realises that he has forgotten that he owes the narrator a dollar. He fears that there is little prospect of his returning the money.

7. The narrator instructs the readers that anybody who has read that book should not be careless to leave that copy where it could be seen by Major Todd of the University of Club Montreal. It is humorous as on one hand the narrator is telling the readers to keep the information a secret and on the other he gives out the name and the details of his borrower.