Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 4**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) The Bet 1) Small pain in… Merchant

Of

2) Journey by Night 2) In the Bazaars of… Venice (Act IV)

**Std X Set A**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) “Make room, and let him stand before our face.**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Where is this scene taking place? 2
2. According to the speaker, what does the world think of the malice that is shown? 3
3. What is the last action to happen at the end of the scene? Why does it take place? 3

**Q2) “So please my lord the duke, and all the court, to quit the fine for one half of his goods”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom are they spoken to? 2
2. What arrangement is the speaker happy with? What does he request the duke?3
3. Which two things is the speaker asking for apart from this request? 3

**Q3) “Sher Singh’s little brother lay in the hut with a pain in his stomach that was getting worse.”**

1. What is the name of Sher Singh’s village? Briefly comment on the village. 2
2. Comment on the medical facilities available in Sher Singh’s village. How did the people manage with them? 3
3. What does the word ‘hospital’ signify to the people of this village? What did Sher Singh feel when he heard the word ‘hospital’? How far was the hospital? 3

**Q4) Which side would you support had you been there that night when the lawyer and banker placed the bet? Why? 8**

**Q5) What do you sell O ye merchants? Richly your wares are displayed.**

1. Why does the poetess use the word ‘richly’? 2
2. What type of picture is portrayed about India? 3
3. Why does the poet begin the stanza with a question? 3

**Q6) “Must be fatigue”, he weakly smiled “I must be getting old”**

1. Why is the speaker giving these reasons? 2
2. What information is the speaker giving about the battle as they fought it? 3
3. What did the speaker want after the explosion? What did he notice around him? 3