Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

First Terminal Examination

Std IX UNI Duration: 2 Hrs Marks 80

**Section A- Novel**

**Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**Question 1 (16)**

***‘If it please you to dine with us…’***

1. **Who is the speaker of the line? To whom does he say the above? Was the invitation accepted? 3**
2. **How does Shylock respond aside when he looks at Antonio? 3**
3. **What does Shylock tell Bassanio about his financial condition while thinking about giving the loan? 3**
4. **What analogy does Shylock give Antonio to justify charging of interest? 4**

**Question 2 (16)**

***‘Mislike me not for my complexion…’***

1. **Who said the above line to whom? Where does this scene take place? 3**
2. **What limitation does Portia confess in the case of her marriage? 3**
3. **How does speaker try to prove his bravery ? 3**
4. **What analogy is used to compare the condition of the caskets ?** 4

**Section B- Poetry**

**Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**Question 3 (16)**

**‘*Ten thousand saw I at a glance***

***Tossing their heads in sprightly dance ….’***

1. **What does the term ‘sprightly dance’ mean? Why has the poet used it for the daffodils? Which literary device is used here? 3**
2. **Whom did the daffodils outdo and how? How did it affect the poet? 3**
3. **Explain ‘inward eye’ and state its significance. 3**

1. **What does the poet link ‘wealth’ to ? Why does he say so? 4**

**Question 4 (16)**

***‘He gave out a cry of frustration and anguish…’***

1. **How did the athletes stand before the race began? 3**
2. **What untoward incident happened during the race? How did the boy react? 3**
3. **What does the term ‘dashed in the dirt’ mean? Why has the poet used it? 3**
4. **Justify the title. 4**

Se**ction C- Prose**

**Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**Question 5 (16)**

***‘Ask our village headman, who is also a money-lender; he can change***

***even a lakh of upees in gold sovereigns if you prefer it that way…’***

1. **How was the village headman according to Muni? Explain.**

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1. **What advice does Muni give regarding the transportation of the two goats? What does he do then?**  3
2. **Describe the shop that Muni dreamt of setting up.**

3

1. **Give four examples to show how language is a barrier in the story? 4**

**Question 6 (16)**

**Why had Jane become bitter over the years? Who helped in washing away**

**the bitterness from her life and how?**