Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Purple Children, Two Poems**

**Std VIII Duration: 40 min Marks 30**

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

**Q.1 ‘You can’t go in there… ’**

1. Who said the above line and to whom? Why? (3)

**Q.2 ‘Well be quiet about it. Come quick’**

1. What did the speaker mean by the above lines? (2)

2. What happened next after the lines were spoken? (3)

3. Who is the speaker and the listener of these lines? (2)

**Q.3 ‘At least you had the sense to fire.’**

1. Who is the speaker and who is the listener? (2)

2. What is speaker talking about? (4)

**Q.4 He beheld regiment, a Phyrric phalanx of embattled children, all their delicate, olive faces splattered from forehead to chin with the resplendent purple of royalty and mourning.**

1. Where did this scene take place? How many ‘young heads’ were present? (2)

2. Why were all the faces splattered with the purple dye? (2)

**Q.5 I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken twig.**

a. Who is the speaker? Whose play is he laughing at? (2)

b. What does the speaker say immediately after this line? (2)

**Q.6 Child, I have forgotten the art of being absorbed in sticks and mud-pies.**

a. Why has the speaker forgotten the art of absorbed in sticks and mud-pies?

(2)

**3. It has grown into a habit….**

a. What had grown into a habit? Whom is the poet talking about and what did he want? (4)