Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: First Term Examination**

**Std VIII-JK Duration: 2 hours Marks 80**

**KINDLY NOTE THAT THE OTHER QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE CLASS**

**Question 4**

**A) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb. Do not copy the passage. (4)**

In the very olden time, there lived a barbaric king. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (build) an arena in which criminals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (punish). When a subject was accused of a crime, public notice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (give), that on an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (appoint) day the fate of the accused person would be decided in the king’s arena. When all the people had assembled, the king \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (surround) by his court, sat high up on his throne, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (gave) a signal and a door opened. From the door the accused walked into the arena. Directly opposite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) two doors. When the first door was opened a hungry tiger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (come) out.

1. Had built
2. Were punished
3. Was given
4. Appointed
5. Surrounded
6. Gave
7. Were
8. came

**B) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verb. Do not copy the passage. (4)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) along a Russian street during the famine. Tolstoy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a beggar. Tolstoy \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (check) through his pockets \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (find) something he might give the man. But they were empty. He \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) away all his money earlier. In his pity he reached out, took the beggar in his arms, kissed him on his hollow cheeks and said: ‘Don’t be angry with me, my brother. I have nothing \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) you’ The pale, thin face of the beggar \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (light) up. Tears \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (shine) in his eyes, as he said, “But you called me brother- that is a great gift.”

1. Walking
2. Met
3. Checked
4. To find
5. Had given
6. To give
7. Lit
8. shone

**C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words (5)**

1. I now call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Guest to speak.
2. The two neighbours have broken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their relations.
3. The production has been held \_\_\_\_ by strikes.
4. The army stood \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in case of trouble.
5. Please fill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the details in the form.
6. You can insure your gold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theft.
7. I will have to compete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the first prize.
8. Students read heroes to look \_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The path was beset \_\_\_\_\_\_ difficulties.
10. He was relieved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his duties as office attendant.
11. Upon
12. Up/off
13. Up
14. By
15. Up
16. Against
17. For
18. Upto
19. With
20. of

**D) Join the sentences without using ‘and’, ‘but’ or ‘so’ (7)**

1. The workers finished their work. They left for home.
2. Tom passed the test. James also passed the test.
3. Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan. It is a beautiful city.
4. Some of these factories have been torn down. Some of them have been converted to artist’s studio.
5. Bhola is quite honest. Chand knows it.
6. Mona made an error in calculation. That was careless.
7. It was a holiday. We went out for shopping.
8. As/ since/ when/ as soon as the workers finished their work, they left for home.
9. Tom as well as James passed the test.
10. Jaipur which is the capital of Rajasthan is a beautiful city.
11. Some of these factories have been torn down whereas/while some of them have been converted to artist’s studio.
12. Chand knows that Bhola is quite honest.
13. As it was a holiday, we went out for shopping.

**E) Rewrite the following sentences correctly, according to the instructions given after each. (10)**

1. The police questioned the suspect for over two hours. (Begin: The suspect…)
2. Rita is the cleverest girl in the class. (Use ‘cleverer’)
3. Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. (Use ‘as…. as’)
4. Mt. Everest is the highest mountain. (Begin: There is…. )
5. Aruna is less strong than Jaya. (Use: ‘stronger’)
6. Mohit is a fast bowler; other bowlers are not so fast. (Use ‘faster’)
7. I said, “Let us go to the mall tomorrow, my friends.” (Change into indirect speech)
8. I remember I was taken to the museum by my sister. (Change the voice)
9. Who is creating this mess? (End: ……..created?)
10. She told him, ‘I am waiting here for my friend. Why have you come now?’ (change into indirect speech)
11. The suspect was questioned by the police for over two hours.
12. Rita is cleverer than any other girl in the class.
13. Very few cities in the world are as beautiful as Paris.
14. There is no other mountain as high as Mt Everest.
15. Jaya is stronger than Aruna.
16. MOhit is faster than all other bowlers.
17. I suggested my friends to go to the mall the next day.
18. I remember my sister took me to the museum.
19. By whom is this mess being created?
20. She told him that she was waiting there for her friend and asked why he had come there then.