Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Solitary Reaper, A Boy’s Best Friend**

**Std VIII Duration: 30min Marks 25**

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

**Q.1 Give meanings: (4)**

a. spindly b. tendons c. Hebrides d. plaintive

**Q.2 Make sentences: (4)**

a. chant b. solitary c. lunar d.somersaulting

**Q.3 Reference to context (10)**

*‘We have something for you Jimmy’*

a. Who is the speaker of the line? How is he related to Jimmy? (2)

b. What does the speaker have for Jimmy? Where is it now? (3)

*‘He was frowning too and the desperate look on his face meant that he wouldn’t change his mind.’*

a. Who is he? Why was he frowning? (2)

b. Why wouldn’t he change his mind? About what? (3)

**Q.4 Reference to context (7)**

*Behold her, single in the field*

a. Who is ‘her’ in the poem? What is she doing? (2)

*‘Will no one tell me what she sings?’*

a. What does the poet think the solitary reaper is singing about? (3)

*‘The music in my heart I bore*

*Long after it was heard no more*

a. Who is saying these lines? What music is he talking about and why? (2)