Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Heart of the Tree, Merchant of Venice**

**(Act 1 Scene 3)**

**Std: IX-NES Duration: 30 min Marks: 25**

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

1. Why does the poet call the tree a ‘heaven anigh’? (3)
2. Explain the term ‘growth from sea to sea’. Explain its relevance in the poem. (3)
3. Explain the meaning of ‘far cast thought of civic good’. Is the planter’s work a blessing? If yes, why and for whom? (4)
4. What are the reasons that Shylock gives for hating Antonio? (4)
5. What does Shylock say when Bassanio asks him to dine with them? (3)
6. How does Antonio react when Shylock taunts him about his behavior towards him?

(3)

1. How does Antonio comfort Bassanio about this insecurity? (2)
2. How does Shylock convince Antonio to sign this bond? (3)