Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Second Semester Examination**

**Std IX Duration: 2 hours Marks 80**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1 16***

***“Go, draw aside the curtains and discover the several caskets to this noble prince…”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? Who is the ‘noble prince’ here? 3
2. What is the message inscribed upon the three caskets? 3
3. What does Morocco ask Portia after reading the three caskets? What does she respond? 3
4. Explain the analogy given by Morocco while choosing the gold casket. 3
5. What is Morocco’s opinion of Portia? Write with reference to this scene. 4

***Question 2 16***

***“The patch is kind enough… but a huge feeder;”***

1. Who is ‘the patch’ here? Who is the speaker? What does the word mean? 3
2. How does the speaker describe this ‘patch’? 3
3. What instructions are given to Jessica? Mention the proverb used. 3
4. Who makes the closing dialogue of this scene? What does he/she say? 3
5. What is Shylock’s response to the information about masque? 4

**Section B- Poetry**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 3 16***

***“And scores of figures on the ground lay still by morning’s light…”***

1. What does the word ‘figures’ refer to? Why were they still? What had happened? 3
2. What is asked for, in the next stanza? Who asks for it? Why? 3
3. What shows the soldier’s commitment towards his job? 3
4. Why did the solider look around? What did he find? 3
5. Is this an anti-war poem? Justify. 4

***Question 4 16***

***“And he cut the bell from the Inchcape Float”***

1. Who cut the bell? Why? 3
2. What did a sailor ask Sir Ralph? What was his response? 3
3. Give a brief note on Inchcape Rock. 3
4. Explain: ‘the breakers roar’ 3
5. Abbot of Aberbrothok is the symbol of goodness. Comment. 4

***Question 5***

***‘Now he was away in the jungle with a photographic expedition’ 16***

1. Who is being spoken about? What was his and the villagers’ role in a photographic expedition? 3
2. For whom was the fuel used? Why? How did they use the fuel? 3
3. How far was Kalaghat from Laldwani? How did Sher Singh hope to reach Kalaghat

with his brother? 3

1. Which village did Sher Singh belong to? What were his means of livelihood? 3
2. How did Sher Singh, the father, win the title ‘Bahadur’? 4

***Question 6 16***

Friendship isn’t about whom you have known the longest… It’s about who came and never left your side. Explain this quote with reference to ‘The Last Leaf’.