Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: No Bird can fly over it,**

**The Scarlet Pimpernel (Chapter 14)**

**Std VIII Duration: 30min Marks 20**

**Answer Key**

1. The two mountaineers to have climbed the world’s highest mountain are Tenzing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary. It is referred to Mount Everest as the highest peak.

2. Tenzing’s goal was to climb mountains in Himalayas. Irrespective of the shortcomings and difficulties, he was able to achieve this special glory on 29th May with his fellow companion i.e. Sir Edmund Hillary. He received a whack on his bare head that made him crazy about the mountains. He ran away to Kathmandu at the age of thirteen. Till the age of eighteen he stayed at Solo Khumbu, but realised in 1932 that he was not meant to be herdsman or a farmer.

3. Mountain climbing in the Himalayas is an impossible task without Sherpas. Sherpas are practically born and brought up in the Himalayan range and grew up watching the mountains. They are habituated to the weather and the climatic conditions.

4. In the chapter named ‘The Death trap’, the next quarter of an hour went by swiftly and noiselessly. In the room downstairs, Brogard had come in with a clean tablecloth and busied himself with laying the table for another guest. When the table was set, Brogard gave the simmering soup a stir, threw a fresh log into the fire and shuffled out of the room.

5. Desgas was Chauvelin’s confidential secretary. Marguerite had seen him in Paris before she was married to Sir Percy.

6. Yes, when Percy encountered Chauvelin at the inn he had to be quick and fast to escape from the trap laid by Chauvelin and his men. Percy, without an ounce of anxiety and very confidently, turned to Chauvelin, took his snuff box out from his pocket and quickly filled it with powdered pepper from the pepper-cellar. He convinced Chauvelin to try the snuff by saying that a shopkeeper in Piccadilly had sold the best quality. Chauvelin took a pinch of snuff to his nose and started sneezing incessantly. Percy took this opportunity and escaped in the blink of an eye.