Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**SECOND TERM EXAM**

**Std IX-NES Duration: 1 hour 30 min Marks 60**

**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 12***

***“Mislike me not for my complexion, the shadowed livery of the burnished sun to...”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Where does the scene take place? 2
2. Explain:- The shadowed livery of the burnished sun 3
3. Is Morocco proud of his colour? Justify with examples from the scene. 3
4. What does this scene tell us about the character of Morocco? 4

***Question 2 12***

***“The first, of gold, who this inscription bears; who chooseth me shall gain what many men desire.”***

i. Who chose this casket? Which word does he focus on? Why? 2

ii. How does the suitor interpret the words inscribed on this casket? 3

iii. What is spoken about the watery kingdom? 3

iv. Summarise the scroll found by the speaker. 4

***Question 3 12***

***Continuous as the stars that shine and twinkle on the Milky Way,***

1. What are continuous like stars? Which other term means ‘continuous’ that is given in the same stanza? 2
2. Why did the daffodils seem to be gleeful? 3
3. Describe in your own words the poet’s feelings when he sees the host of golden daffodils? 3
4. What does the term ‘bliss of solitude’ mean? In what context has the poet used the term in the poem? 4

***Question 4 12***

***One half their lives was reading books! The nursery shelves held books galore!***

1. What does the word ‘their’ refer to? Where else were the books kept? Why? 2
2. Which writer’s name is mentioned in the poem? Enlist any two names of the characters and two short stories. 3
3. What epithets has the poet used for the television screen? Why? 3
4. Despite the children throwing tantrums, why does the poet advise the parents not to fear? 4

***Question 5 12***

***“As they passed down the aisle of the coach…”***

1. Who are ‘they’ here? What happened hereafter? 3
2. Explain ‘linked couple’. Give a short description. 3
3. What role do ‘hearts and hands ‘play in the plot of the story? 4
4. What did Mr. Easton say to the young woman when she spoke to him? How did he greet her? Why did he use his left hand? 2

***Question 6 12***

***“The torch fell from his trembling hand.***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? What did he immediately do after the given line? 3
2. What happens at the end of the story? 3
3. Did Mr. Oliver prove himself to be as described by the writer? 4
4. What kind of an aura prevailed when Oliver was returning to his school, after dark? 2