Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

Assignment: (If)

1. Who are called as impostors by the poet? Why?

Ans: Triumph and Defeat are called impostors by the poet. Impostors are the ones who pretends to show false characters. Here, poet teaches us that one should not get swayed away by Triumph nor should one feel depressed by defeat. As they are temporary in nature and the circumstances do change.

1. What should one do when all people around us are losing our patience?

Ans: When all people around us are losing patience one should still try to maintain their calm and be composed. One should not be tired of waiting and maintain calmness.

1. What two things must a person do when people all around him are doubting him?

Ans: A person should trust himself and make allowance or give space to others for their doubting too.

1. What should we do with dreaming and planning (thoughts)?

Ans: One should not let their dreams overcome them, their dreams should not dominate them and one should think but not make their thoughts as the aim.

1. If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster…….Identify the figure of speech in the given line.

Ans: Antithesis: Opposite meaning words are stated in the same line.

1. According to the poet what happens to the truth that you have spoken sometimes?

Ans: Sometimes the truth is twisted, modified by the knaves to make a trap for fools.

1. The poet has repeated the word ‘if’ thirteen times in the poem. Discuss the significance

Ans: The word ‘if’ is repeated in the poem as it sets the condition. The condition is to follow those advices given by a father to his son and then he can eventually become a Man (a genuine human being).