Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: I know why the caged bird sings, Hearts and Hands, Merchant of Venice Act 2 Scene 3, Scene 4**

**Std IX Set B**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer Key**

1. Jessica feels sorry about Launcelot leaving the services of her father. She says that their house is hell and Launcelot as a merry devil did rob it of some taste of tediousness. She means to say that he would make her merry.
2. Letter and ducat. Letter to give to Lorenzo and ducat to ensure he does so.
3. Lorenzo says in the letter Jessica had directed how he should take her from her father’s house. She had also mentioned the gold and jewels she was furnished with and which page’s suit she had in readiness. She was going to elope in the disguise of a page-boy.
4. Lorenzo says that he knows the hand of the person who wrote the letter. He says that it is a fair hand and is whiter than the paper on which it is written.
5. The ‘narrow cage’ refers to the small cage in which the bird is imprisoned. This signifies the restrictions imposed upon the black people who had no freedom of movement. Their condition was very much like slaves who had no identity at all.
6. The words ‘stalks’, ‘narrow cage’, ‘bars of rage’, ‘clipped’ and ‘tied’ portray the fact that the bird mentioned in the second stanza is a caged one
7. He said that he needed a drink and a smoke. He urged Easton to take him to the smoking areas as he was longing for a smoke. The man realized that Miss Fairchild would have ended up asking too many questions.
8. Easton was a prisoner. He had been arrested for counterfeiting and thus was sentenced to seven years of imprisonment at the Leavenworth prison.