Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: If, Skimbleshanks, B.Wordsworth**

Std VIII Marks 30 Duration: 40 min

Answer the following questions according to their weightage:-

Q.1. ***You are as good as me…***

1. Who has said these above lines? Whom are they spoken to? What is the context?

Ans:1 B.Wordsworth has said the above lines. They are spoken to the boy. The poet is questioning the boy if he really feels that B.Wordsworth is a poet . (3)

1. Which different trees were there? How are mangoes described? (2)

Ans:2 There was a coconut tree, plum tree and a mango tree. The mangoes are described to be ripe, red , sweet and juicy. The boy ate six of them and the yellow mango juice ran down his arms to his elbows and down his mouth to his chin and his shirt was stained .

1. How did the boy react to his mother’s beating? What resolution did he make? (3)

Ans:3 The boy ran out of the house swearing that he would never come back and went to B.Wordsworth house. His nose was also bleeding.

Q.2. ***He will watch you without winking…***

1. Who is ‘he’ referred to? What will he not approve of? What is the outcome (3)

Ans :1 He refers to Skimbleshanks. He will not approve of hilarity and riot. As a result the folks were quiet.

1. Mention any four things that make the passengers at east on the train. (2)

Ans:2 The four things that make the passangers at ease are ;- berth is very neat with a new folded sheet,

1. Write the names of the stations that are mentioned in the correct

sequence. (2)

1. Describe Skimbleshanks. What is the name of the poet? (3)

Q.3 ***If you can keep your head….***

1. What should one do when others are doubting him? (2)
2. What should one not deal in? Why? Justify with the context of the poem. (3)
3. Explain: And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise. (2)
4. What lessons of life are we taught in the poem? (3)