Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 1**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) Princess September 1) I Believe Merchant

Of

2) A Tiger in the Tunnel 2) Psalm of life Venice (Act I)

**Std X Set B**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “Believe me sir, had I such venture forth....”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom are they spoken? 2
2. What would the speaker be doing if he had similar business? 3
3. How does the listener console the speaker? 3

**Q2) “If I live to be as old as Sybilla, I will die as chaste as Diana...”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Where are they spoken? 2
2. Explain the given lines. 3
3. Who is introduced immediately after this dialogue? How? 3

**Q3) “I thought you would wonder that” said the little bird**

1. What is meant by the word ‘that’? 2
2. What reason the bird give for turning up late? 2
3. Which remark is called an unfortunate one? Why? What happened as a result of the remark? 4

**Q4) In the story ‘Tiger in the tunnel’ do you think fate plays an important role in bringing out the end of Baldeo? Substantiate with examples. 8**

**Q5) ”Dust thou art, to dust returnest was not spoken of the soul,”**

1. What is life described as just before this stanza? 2
2. Explain the given lines 3
3. What should be/ should not be our destined end or way? 3

**Q6) “I believe I can do many things amidst the human angels”**

1. Who is the poet of the said lines? Which language was the poem originally in? 2
2. Who is called as the human angels? Why? 3
3. What does the poet believe she can find inside the earth? What can she do with it? 3