Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**SECOND TERM EXAM**

**Std IX-PPS (BH) Duration: 2 hours Marks 80**

**SET A**

**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 16***

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

1. Who chose this casket? What were the reasons of choosing this one? 3
2. How does the suitor interpret the words inscribed on this casket? 3
3. What is spoken about the watery kingdom? 3
4. What would be sinful thought according to this speaker? 3
5. Summarise the scroll found by the speaker. 4

***Question 2 16***

***‘What says that fool of Hagar’s offspring, ha?’***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Who exits before this line is said? Where does the scene take place? 3
2. Who is being referred to, in the above given lines? Why? 3
3. Has Shylock been invited to the supper for love? Why is he going for the same? 3
4. How does Launcelot try to cover up his mistake of giving information about the masque? 3
5. What is Shylock’s response to the information about masque? 4

***Question 3 16***

***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? 3
2. Which tales were found in the books read by children? 3
3. Which writer’s name is mentioned in the poem? Enlist any two names of the characters and two short stories. 3
4. What epithets has the poet used for the television screen? Why? 3
5. Despite the children throwing tantrums, why does the poet advise the parents not to fear? 4

***Question 4 16***

***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? Name the figure of speech in the given line. 3
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 ‘sprightly dance’ mean? Why has the poet used it for the daffodils? Which literary device is used her? 3
5. What does the term ‘bliss of solitude’ mean? In what context has the poet used the term in the poem? 4

***Question 5 16***

***“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. Where did the flickering light fall? What happened next? 3
4. Was there any difference in Mr Oliver’s voice while asking the miscreant the second time? Why? 3
5. Did Mr. Oliver prove himself to be as described by the writer? 4

***Question 6 16***

***How he took them up in his arms, and blessed them…***

1. What do the words ‘he’ and ‘them’ refer to? Who is the speaker of this line? 3
2. Who spoke these words? To whom? Why? 3
3. Which phrase does the speaker keep repeating? Why? 3
4. What reason did the man give for sending Maggie to the poorhouse? 3
5. Justify the title ‘An Angel in Disguise’. 4