Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 2**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) My Lost Dollar 1) Sonnet 14 Merchant

Of

2) Hunger 2) A Doctor’s Journal… Venice (Act II)

**Std X Set B**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) “The one of them contains my picture, prince; If you choose that, then I am yours withal.”**

1. Who are the words spoken by? Where is the scene taking place? 2
2. How does Morocco describe the silver casket? 3
3. Write the inscriptions exactly as they are engraved on the caskets? 3

**Q2) “Well, thou shalt see, thy eyes shall be thy judge …”**

1. Who is the ‘thou’ mentioned? What will he be the judge of? 2
2. What difference between Shylock and Bassanio is the speaker hinting at? 3
3. Why does the speaker call Jessica? What does he give her and why? 3

**Q3) “Neither love me for Thine own dear pity’s wiping my cheeks dry”**

1. Which figure of speech can you see in the above line? Why? 2
2. Who is the ‘creature’ referred to? Why is it called so? 3
3. What is the trait that the poet does not want to be loved for, in the given lines? 3

**Q4) “My legs, stiff with dried blood, rebelled. I said to Yecko-San she must go on ahead.”**

1. Did the narrator’s wife leave him alone willingly? What do you think about narrator’s wife? 2
2. Explain-My mind ran at high speed, my body crept behind. 3
3. How does the poet create an atmosphere of fear, panic and horror in the poem? 3

**Q5) ‘If he is still alive, surely he would find a way. His stomach was gnawing….’**

1. Who is ‘he’ here? Is he optimistic? Comment. 2
2. What is the mental and physical state of the person here? 3
3. Is the person educated or employed? Or both? 3

**Q6) Where, do you think, does the story ‘My lost dollar’ take a turn? What kind of turn? 8**