Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**ENGLISH Paper- 1**

**Set C**

***(Two hours)***

**ANSWER KEY**

Q3) a) i) presumed- be arrogant or impertinent enough to do something

ii) claim- formal request or a demand

iii) scrambled- make one’s way quickly, climb or crawl

iv) gulch- a narrow and steep-sided ravine marking the course of a fast stream

v) lean to- shack or shed supported by trees

b) i) Uncle Simmons remembers the lean- to which he lived in was the one with a canvas rood that the cow fell down through one night as told by his friend.

ii) The lady, at the time she wrote this letter, was 30 years old. As she mentions in the letter that sixteen years ago she was fourteen when her uncle worked at Humboldt mines.

iii) She gives a long introduction as it is the only way she can make herself known. She wants him to give her some advice regarding the book that she has written as it is a secret from her family and wishes to surprise them in case she writes a letter to a publisher and gets it published.

iv) Her husband got hurt in the old Hall Clayton claim that was abandoned like the others, putting in a blast and scrambled the best he could. It landed him clear down on the train and hit a Piute. For weeks he thought he would not get over it but he did eventually, this is the result of not climbing out enough.

Precis:

c) The woman introduces herself to the recipient of the letter by reminding him of lean-to in which he along his friends and her Uncle Simmons lived. That time they had dried apple pie in the lean-to which had a canvas roof through which the cow fell down. She talks about her husband who was there after they left the place.

Q4) A) 1) laughed 2) had started 3) watched 4) working

5) to use 6) were shaking 7) was 8) chewed

B) i) over ii) into iii) up iv) off

v) on vi) over vii) for viii) in

C) i) Leaving the wounded man, the king went out of the hut.

The king left the wounded man after which he went out of the hut.

ii) Although he wished to kill me, you saved my life.

(Alternate answers: Though, even though, In spite of him… , however, yet, still)

iii) Setting my face towards home, I made the best use of my legs.

iv) He took out a purse from his pocket. **OR**

He took out something which/ that was a purse.

D) i) But for your interference, everything would have gone smoothly.

ii) He couldn’t complete his studies because of lack of money/ because he lacked money.

iii) He lost his wife which added to his difficulties.

iv) He must write fast or he will not complete the paper.

v) Sadly, Henry died so young.

vi) Not only were the slaves tortured but also beaten.

vii) No sooner did the whistle sound than marching commenced. **OR**

No sooner had the whistle sounded than marching commenced.

viii) The wife asked her husband if he could spare some time for her.