Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Fire Buckets, Animal Farm (Chapter 1)**

**Std VIII- PPS Set C**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions with reference to the context.**

1. **Many years ago, when I was a little pig, my mother and the other sows used to sing an old song… (2)**
2. **What did the mother and other sows know of the song? What was the name of the song?**

Ans: The mother and the other sows knew only the tune and the first three words. The name of the song is ‘Beasts of England’

1. **Did the speaker know the song?**

Ans: The speaker i.e. Old Major knew the tune in his infancy but had long since passed out of his mind. The previous night it came back to Old Major in his dreams.

1. **Even the horses and the dogs have no better fate. (2)**
2. **Which other animals face similar fate?**

Ans: Cows, pigs, hens, sheep face similar fate as of the horses and the dogs.

1. **Mention the atrocities done upon dogs by Jones.**

Ans: When the dogs grow old and toothless, Jones ties a brick round their necks and drowns them in the nearest pond.

1. **The singing of this song threw the animals into the wildest excitement. (2)**
2. **Name any four crops mentioned in the song ‘Beasts of England’**

Ans: Wheat, barley, oats and hay, clover, beans and mangel-wurzels

1. **How did the stupid and the clever animals perform in singing?**

Ans: The stupid animals had already picked up the tune and a few of the words. On the contrary, the clever ones had learnt the entire song by heart within a few minutes.

1. **Unfortunately the uproar awoke Mr Jones. (2)**
2. **Which ‘uproar’ does it refer to?**

Ans: It refers to the ‘uproar’ that was created due to the continuous singing for five times by the animals.

1. **What did Mr Jones do after this?**

Ans: Mr Jones sprang out of bed making sure that there was a fox in the yard.

1. **Old Major cleared his throat and began to sing. (2)**
   1. **Why did Old Major do so?**

Ans: Old Major cleared his throat because his voice was hoarse and he was going to start singing.

* 1. **Name the two famous songs on the basis of which ‘Beasts of England’ tune was made.**

Ans: Clementine and La Cucuracha.

1. **He had cleaned the shelves of his store… (3)**
   1. Who is ‘he’ here? Why was he cleaning his store?

Ans: Hazarika is ‘he’ here. He had cleaned his store to make it look impressive as Edward Heinlein, the anthropologist, was going to visit the village.

1. **Having taken a last round of the hospital she left… (3)**
   1. Who is ‘she’ here? What is her profession? Where did she go after this?

Ans: ‘She’, here, is Radha Trivedi. She is a doctor by profession. She went to go to meet PO’s wife to see if all preparations were over and have a nice cup of tea.

1. **Describe the houses in the village (4)**

Ans: Villagers inhabited similar looking small houses which were whitewashed with lime. These houses had similar looking gardens. Some gardens were tended jealously while some were running wild. The houses had two or three little rooms, a little open corridor shaded by a slopey tin roof leading to the kitchen behind. The corridor was flanked by a courtyard enclosed by low whitewashed boundary walls. The courtyard always had a heap of fuel wood under a tin shed and many buckets lined up to catch rainwater.