Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: After Twenty Years, More About People**

**Std: VIII-BB Duration: 30 Min Marks: 20**

**Answer the following questions according to the weightage:**

1. What was the policeman doing? What kind of an area was he in? (2)

Ans: The policeman was patrolling the area assigned to him. The area was a commercial one with many business places that kept early hours and was largely depeopled.

1. How did the policeman appear while he was doing his duty? Why? (4)

Ans: The policeman was very sincere in his work. He moved along trying doors , twirling his club artistically . He turned occasionally to cast a watchful eye down the street. He had a stalwart form and a slight swagge . All this made him a fine picture of a guardian of peace.

1. Where did the policeman stop? Why? (2)

Ans: The policeman stopped midway of a certain block as he saw a man, with an unlit cigar in his mouth, leaning against the wall of a darkened hardware store.

1. What did the man say about his friend Jimmy Wells? (2)

Ans: The man said that his friend Jimmy Wells was his best chum and the finest chap in the world. He praised him further by saying that he was the truest and the staunchest old chap in the world.

1. How does ‘light’ play an important part in the plot of the story? (3)

Ans: ‘Light’ plays an important part in two crucial places in the plot of the story. When Bob lights his cigar , Jimmy sees his face clearly and realises that he was a wanted criminal in Chicago. The second instance is when Bob walks ahead with the second policeman and passes by a drug store which was brilliantly lighted. At that moment Bob sees the man clearly and realises that he is not his friend Jimmy.

1. Write any two things that people do to annoy others? (2)

Ans: People annoy others by asking questions or making suggestions . They also look over the shoulder of other people or step on their toes.

**( ANY TWO POINTS )**

1. What are the things that the employed do? (3)

Ans: The employed urge the unemployed to work. They tell them that work is wonderful medicine and also give examples of successful businessmen . They keep lecturing them about the advantages of working and even starve them to death.

1. Explain : work is wonderful medicine (2)

Ans: Working keeps the mind busy and does not allow negative thoughts to creep in. If a person is idle he thinks of unwanted things which slowly lead to ailments. Thus if a person keeps working he will stay fit and work acts like medicine.