Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

SECTION A — $(10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ marks})$

Answer any TEN questions in 30 words each

- How did Gandhi consider shyness as merit?
- Who is Buddha, according to Periyar?
- What was the result of the suicide thought in 3. Gandhi?
- What was the destiny of the earthern pots?
- What does Jayapraba's 'Stores deal with?
- How does Ganju die?
- Why was Sanchari cursed as a witch?
- Why did Sanichari become a rudali?
- What is the irony of dalit Christians, according to Bama?
- What is the central idea of Bama's 'Karukku'?
- How does the postmaster console Ratan?
- What is the traditional notion of birthday?

SECTION B — $(5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ marks})$

Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each.

- 13. Narrate the situations that tempted Gandhi to steal.
- 14. How does O.N.V.Kurup explore lack of identity in "Earthern Pots'?
- 15. How did Sanichari bring about changes in the lives of prostitutes?
- 16. Why did Sanichari rebel against her monther-in-law?
- 17. How are dalit women kept in terror?
- 18. Sketch the character of Ratan.
- 19. What was the realization of the protagonist regarding birthdays?

SECTION C — $(3 \times 10 = 30 \text{ marks})$ Answer any THREE questions in 500 words each

- 20. "My shyness has been in reality my shield and buckle" Explain.
- 21. How does Rudali represent the miserable condition of a low-caste starving family.

- 22. Discuss the theme of decay and dissolution in "Fragmented".
- 23. Discuss Bama's 'Karukku' as a fictional autobiography.
- 24. How does 'A Kitchen in the Corner of the House' echo the liberation and emancipation of women.