Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

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

Answer any TEN of the following in about 30 words each.

- 1. Mention any four plays that belong to the first period of Shakespeare's dramatic act.
- 2. What are the striking features of Shakespearean grammar?
- 3. By what arguments does Cassius endeavour to persuade Brutus to join the conspiracy against Caesar?
- 4. What do Flavius and Maxellus say to the Roman people?
- 5. Who is the first conspirator to stab Caesar?
- 6. Why does Benvolio suggest Romeo to attend the feast of Capulet?
- 7. "Winged messenger of heaven" for whom is this expression used and by whom?
- 8. How does Juliet get rid of Paris from Laurence's cell?

- 9. What happens to the two families after the death of Romeo and Juliet?
- 10. What are the problems faced by Lucentio in marrying Bianca?
- 11. Who marries Katherine? Who is he related to?
- 12. How does Lucentio win Bianca's heart?

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

Answer any FIVE of the following in about 200 words each.

- 13. Discuss the significance of Shakespeare's Romances.
- 14. Discuss Shakespeare's use of the supernatural in Julius Caesar.
- 15. Analyse the character of Cassius.
- 16. Sketch the character of the Nurse in Romeo and Juliet.
- 17. Comment on the dramatic effect of the final scene of the play Romeo and Juliet.
- 18. Comment on the father-child relationship in the play The Taming of the Shrew.
- 19. Bring out the significance of the Haberdasher's cap and Tailor's Crown in <u>The Taming of the Shrew.</u>

Answer any THREE of the following in about 500 words each.

- 20. Elaborate on Shakespeare's Comedies.
- 21. What was Shakespeare's purpose in introducing the ghost in <u>Julius Caesar?</u>
- 22. Critically examine the role of Mercutio.
- 23. What is the dramatic importance of the opening scene of Romeo and Juliet?
- 24. What techniques does Petruchio employ to tame Katherine? Elaborate.