Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

PART A —  $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ marks})$ 

Answer any TEN questions in about 50 words each.

- 1. Why is literature viewed from ethical and theological standpoints?
- 2. How does philosophy treat issues raised by literature?
- 3. . How does Marxist criticism view literature?
- 4. What does the term 'Realism' in literature refer to?
- 5. What is the responsibility of parents towards children, according to Tiruvalluvar?
- 6. What is Plato's view on the virtue of Socrates?
- 7. Why did the Sophists accuse Socrates?
- 8. Why was King Parthiban Killed?
- 9. What is the myth centred around the story of 'Chemmen'?

- 10. Why did King Laius order the killing of his infant son Oedipus?
- 11. How did Oedipus blind himself?
- 12. Why did Krogstad threaten Nora?

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

Answer any FIVE questions in about 200 words each.

- 13. Bring out the relationship between religion and literature.
- 14. How does Literary Realism coincide with the major cultural changes?
- 15. How did Rajaji render the Kural with the crystal clear meaning in prose?
- 16. How has Thiravalluvar praise the excellance of rain?
- 17. Say how Socrates gave explanations of his philosophical way of life.
- 18. Narrate how Prince Vikraman planned to avenge the Pallavas.
- 19. What is the role played by Tiresias in Oedipus Rex?

Answer any FOUR of the following in 500 words each.

- 20. Consider philosophical writing as literature.
- 21. Analyse the impact of the concept of realism and naturalism on literature.
- 22. Discuss how Tirukkural as a treatise on social life.
- 23. Justify the title 'Parthiban Kanavu'.
- 24. Narrate how the love episode of Karuthamma and Pareekutty ended.
- 25. Sketch the character of Nora Helmer.