Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

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

Answer any TEN questions in 50 words each

- 1. What is religion?
- 2. Mention the two ways into which literature of philosophy can be dealt.
- 3. What do Naturalistic works focus on?
- 4. Why was Rajaji accused of being 'Pro-Sanskrit' and 'Pro-Hindi'?
- 5. What is compassion according to Valluvar?
- 6. Why did Plato develop hatred towards political life?
- 7. What does Socrates tell his accusers?
- 8. Who is Ponnan?
- 9. Who is the chief protagonist in "The Outsider"?
- 10. Give the backdrop to "Chemmeen".

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- 11. Why does Oedipus shout at Creon?
- 12. Why does Torvald Helmer reproach Nora?

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

Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each.

- 13. How did Realism establish itself as a major movement in the 19th century fiction?
- 14. Bring out the significance of Ancient Greek Theatre.
- 15. What are the essential qualities of a king and friendship according to Valluvar?
- 16. Discuss the life and works of Plato.
- 17. How were the dreams of Parthiban fulfilled?
- 18. Sketch the character of Palani in "Chemmeen".
- 19. Comment on 'fate' Vs 'free will' with reference to the play "Oedipus".

PART C —
$$(4 \times 10 = 40 \text{ marks})$$

Answer any FOUR questions in 500 words each.

- 20. Elaborate on 'literature of philosophy' and 'philosophy of literature' with examples.
- 21. Describe 'family life' as discussed in "Thirukkural"

- 22. Enumerate the ethical concerns of Socrates.
- 23. Discuss why "The Outsider" is considered to be an absurd novel.
- 24. Write on the sea-myth in the context of "Chemmen".
- 25. Analyse the psychological state of Nora Helmer.