Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

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

Answer any TEN questions, not exceeding 50 words each.

- 1. How did the British impact the social sphere in India?
- 2. What was the contribution of the west to Indian culture regarding etiquettes?
- 3. What resulted in a large number of famines in India?
- 4. How does the poem "Hawk" begin?
- 5. How did Sri Aurobindo counteract the harsh criticisms against Indian culture?
- 6. What is the theme of the poem "Eunuchs"?
- 7. How does Benare die at the end of the play?
- 8. Mention the twin roles played by Sukhatma?

- 9. Who is Karnik?
- 10. Who is Manu's friend? Where was he living?
- 11. Who are the three major characters in "The Painter of Signs"?
- 12. What is Purananooru about?

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

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

- 13. How did the socio-cultural issues affect caste and religion in India?
- 14. Give a critical appreciation of Tagore's 'Gitanjali, Song No:63'.
- 15. 'Scratch a rock and a legend springs' Explain the significance from "A Scratch".
- 16. How does Benare defend herself?
- 17. Describe the last scene between Raman and Daisy.
- 18. How does Ramanujan treat 'Love and War' in his translation?
- 19. Summarize "The Sorley Episode".

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

Write essay on any FOUR of the following in about 500 words.

- 20. What was the impact of English studies an India?
- 21. Elaborate on the treatment in the songs of Tagore prescribed for your study.
- 22. Give a critical appreciation of Daruwalla's "Hawk".
- 23. "Silence! The Court is in Session" is a blend of farcical and serious elements. Elucidate.
- 24. How is the psyche of Indian women portrayed by Shashi Deshpande in "The Dark Holds No Terror"?
- 25. Critically analyse Pudumaipithan's "Teaching".