. 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. Sketch the period of Shakespeare's early life.
- 2. Bring out the characteristics of Shakespeare's comedies.
- 3. Write a note on the success of "Venus and Adonis".
- 4. What are the supernatural elements found in "Julius Caesar"?
- 5. Who is the protagonist of the play "Julius Caesar"?
  Why?
- 6. Why did Brutus murder Caesar?
- 7. What prompted Romeo to take part in Masquerade?
- 8. Why did Prince of Verona Banish Romeo?
- 9. Write briefly on the role of the nurse in "Romeo and Juliet".

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- 10. What are the initiatives taken by Pertruchio to tame Katherine?
- 11. Why did Petruchio accept to marry Katherine?
- 12. What are the efforts taken by Lucentio to Marry Bianca?

PART B - (5  $\times$  5 = 25 marks)

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

- 13. Write a short note on Shakespeare's early plays.
- 14. Explain the conspiracy against Caesar.
- 15. Sketch the character of Portia in "Julius Caesar".
- 16. Discuss the content of Prologue or chorus in "Romeo and Juliet".
- 17. Describe the role of social institution in "Romeo and Juliet".
- 18. Brief on the characters of Grencio and Hortensio.
- 19. What does Petructio's wedding costume symbolize?

## PART C — $(3 \times 10 = 30 \text{ marks})$

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

- 20. Elaborate on the themes of Shakespeare's Sonnets.
- 21. Describe the characteristics of Julius Caesar.
- 22. Sketch the character of Romeo.
- 23. Write an essay on the portrayal of Katherine.
- 24. Enunciate the features of Shakespeare's romantic comedies with reference to the plays prescribed.