General Instructions to Candidates:

- There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Calculations, figures and graphs should be shown in the answer sheet itself.
- Give equations wherever necessary.
- Electronic devices except nonprogrammable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

I. (Question. 1–8). Answer any seven of the following questions in a word, in a phrase or in a sentence. Each carries two scores. 

(7 × 2 = 14)

1. 'The Tyger' is a fine lyric written by William Blake.
   a) Name the collection in which it is included.
   b) Name the companion poem of 'The Tyger'.

2. The Shakespearean sonnet has the structure of ........ and a ..........

3. 'I gave commands;
   Then all smiles stopped together'.
   a) Identify the speaker.
   b) Whose smiles stopped together?

4. 'Admittedly an eloquence so soft
   Could only have had an influence on birds'.
   a) Whose eloquence is mentioned as soft?
   b) What influence does it have on birds?
5. 'But the dream
Will come back
And the song
Break
Its jail'.

a) What does the word 'jail' refer to?

b) What mood of the speaker is reflected in these lines?

6. Which genre of poetry does Sarojini Naidu's poem, 'Bangle Sellers' belong to? What does it symbolically represent?

7. 'It's this old business that has driven everything else out of your head for the time'.

a) Identify the speaker.

b) Whom is this remark made about?

8. 'With old people he was as considerate as a son and with children as solicitous as a father'.

a) Who is 'he' referred to here?

b) What quality you can find in his character?

II. (Question. 9 – 14) Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences. Each carries two scores. (5 × 2 = 10)

9. 'I bitterly wept and wished that
I had the heart to give thee my all'.
Briefly explain the significance of these lines.

10. The poem, 'A Red Red Rose' has different poetic devices in abundance. Mention one instance each for 'a simile' and 'a hyperbole' that you have come across in the poem.

11. 'How with this rage shall beauty hold a plea, whose action is no stronger than a flower? What does the poet want to convey through this antithesis?

12. 'Some are purple and gold flecked grey
For she who has journeyed through life midway'.
Explain briefly.

14. 'Ain't these tears in these eyes telling you’? What does this opening quote in, 'Am I Blue' tells us of Alice Walker's attitude towards animals?

III. (Question. 15 – 19) Answer any four of the following in three or four sentences. Each carries three scores. (4 × 3 = 12)

15. In the memoir, 'My Last Day At School' how do the children make rich compensation which creates a lasting impression in the teacher?

16. Specialization leads to ...... the division of human beings into ghettos of technicians and specialists. Do you agree? Why?

17. You have read the dramatic monologue, 'My Last Duchess' by Robert Browning. Mention any three features of a dramatic monologue.

18. 'Even a father could not find her
Scraping her check against straw'.
What does the poet want to highlight in these lines?

19. In the poem, 'If You Forget Me' we come across different objects which carry his thoughts to his homeland / beloved. What are they? Comment on the imagery.

IV. (Question. 20 – 24) Answer any four of the following questions in not more than 80 words. Each carries five scores. (4 × 5 = 20)

20. The mystery of human mind can be the theme of Basheer's story, 'A Man'. Examine the statement in the light of your reading the story, 'A Man'.

21. Explain how Hemingway makes use of irony in the story, 'A Canary for One' in order to shatter the false prestige of Americans.
22. Chekhov sets the comic tone in the very beginning of 'The Orator' by mentioning that Kirill Ivanovitch Babilonov had died of two afflictions namely bad wife and alcohol. Find out other similar comic situations in the story.

23. 'She's absolutely Lovely'. How does this remark of Philip trigger jealousy in Rosemary Fell in the story, 'A Cup of Tea'?

24. How do you analyse the character of the boy in the story, 'The Night Train At Deoli'?

V. (Question. 25 – 28) Answer any three of the following questions in not more than 200 words. Each carries eight scores. (3 × 8 = 24)

25. The voice of the cuckoo is the medium through which the poet travels from past to present and derives pleasure. Explain.
   (Hints: Cuckoo as symbol – lying on the grass – babbling only to the valley – visionary hours – golden time etc.).

26. Prepare a critical appreciation of the poem, 'The Highwayman' emphasizing how different poetic devices enhance the beauty of the ballad.
   (Hints: Ballad – imagery – other poetic devices).

27. Attempt an essay describing how Gardiner highlights the ethical values to be followed in social life, in his essay, 'On Saying Please'.

28. 'The Boy Comes Home' is a light comedy woven around the theme of conflict between two generations. Illustrate.
   (Hints: Light comedy – character and behaviour of uncle James and Philip – differences of opinion – conflict – arises and settles through dream scene etc.).