

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015–2016 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/MC/BL55

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR – CORE

**PAPER: BRITISH LITERATURE: SIXTEENTH CENTURY TO TWENTY
FIRST CENTURY**

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any three of the following in about 350 words each: (3x15=45 marks)

1. Discuss the major themes in D.H. Lawrence's poem "Snake."
2. Comment on the portrayal of love in "Sonnet 75".
3. Is *Riders to the Sea* a tragedy? Justify.
4. Elucidate the depiction of the life of chimney sweepers by William Blake.
5. Bring out the characteristics of Comedy of Menace with special reference to *The Birthday Party* by Pinter.

SECTION B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 800 words each: (2x20=40 marks)

6. "Brevity is the soul of wit"- Explain with special reference to essays by Bacon.
7. Discuss *The Rape of the Lock* as a mock epic.
8. Comment on the portrayal of women characters in *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.
9. Examine ideology versus individuality as a theme in "On Chesil Beach".

SECTION C

III. Critically analyse the following passage. (1x15=15)

10. Earth has not anything to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
A sight so touching in its majesty:
This City now doth, like a garment, wear
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky;
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.
Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!
The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!
