

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086**  
**(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2017–2018 and thereafter)**

**SUBJECT CODE: 17EL/PE/LP34**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019**  
**BRANCH VII – ENGLISH**  
**THIRD SEMESTER**

**COURSE: MAJOR ELECTIVE**  
**PAPER: LITERATURE AND SPIRITUALITY**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**  
**MAX. MARKS: 100**

**SECTION- A**

**I. Answer any four of the following questions in about 1000 words each: (4x25=100)**

1. How do Mirabhai and Surdas relate to the divine in their poems?
2. Comment on the association of the spiritual experience with madness and drunkenness in the Sufi tradition.
3. How do the poems of Sappho, Christina Rossetti, Levertov and Hopkins bring out the presence of divinity in nature?
4. Discuss the importance of story-telling in the spiritual tradition.
5. Bring out the common spiritual experiences underlying the various religious traditions using the poems prescribed for study.
6. How do women from the Buddhist tradition negotiate the problems they face in their spiritual journey?

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