# STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086 (For candidates admitted during the academic year 2006 – 07)

**SUBJECT CODE: PR/PC/ER34** 

# M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2007 PUBLIC RELATIONS THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE

PAPER : EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

# **SECTION - A**

# ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 50 WORDS: $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. Explain the impact of top management on determining the importance and role of labour-management relationships.
- 2. Distinguish between individual and corporate goals.
- 3. Define 'Thought Leadership'. Give one example of a 'Thought Leader'.
- 4. Differentiate between issues, crisis and emergencies.
- 5. Explain the role of pod cast and blogs in employee communication.
- 6. Briefly write about the importance of timing in labour matters.
- 7. What do you understand by the term 'news-blackout'?
- 8. Enlist the communication strengths of motion picture and videos.
- 9. What are the two different forms of announcing a settlement/contract agreement to the public?
- 10. Distinguish between a strike and a lockout.

#### **SECTION - B**

#### ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 250 WORDS: $(5 \times 8 = 40)$

- 11. Briefly explain the challenge of labour to the leadership in any organization.
- 12. Distinguish between line and staff functions. What function do you attribute to PR and why?
- 13. What are the various community development initiatives that can be undertaken by the PR department to facilitate employee-community involvement.
- 14. What are the various forms of supplemental publications used in internal communication? Briefly describe their uses.

- 15. What are the different types of employee strike? How does the PR practitioner deal with strikes?
- 16. Briefly describe the difference between collective bargaining and collaborative negotiations. What is the role /function of PR department in maintaining a conducive employer-employee working relationship?
- 17. Explain the evaluation and listening process in employee communication.

# **SECTION - C**

# ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 1000 WORDS:(2 x 20 = 40)

- 18. Describe the importance of 'company –wide' goal alignment. How is 'corporate Communication department/public relations function aligned to achieve business goals?
- 19. Discuss the various medial used in employee communication with illustrations.
- 20. How are employee relations crucial to the success of any organization? Illustrate.
- 21. How are employees' families to be assisted in times of emergencies like accident/ death **or** in handling drug-abuse/ alcoholism?

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