

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019–2020 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/PC/LM24

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2021
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : POSTGRADUATE CORE
PAPER: LITERATURE & MYSTICISM

TIME : 1 ½ HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 50

SECTION A

I. Answer any two of the following in about 650 words each. (2x15 = 30)

1. Critically evaluate Andal's "The Song to the Kuyil" as a bhakti poem.
2. Discuss bridal mysticism with reference to any one poem prescribed for study.
3. Examine Rabiya's "If I adore You" and "Eyes are at Rest" as Sufi poems.
4. Comment on the mystical concert with reference to Rumi's "Reed Flute's Song."

SECTION B

II. Analyse the poem given below in about 750 words. (1x20=20)

5. "Hope" is the thing with feathers

- Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.
