STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086 (For candidates admitted during the academic year 2018–2019) COURSE CODE: 18CE/ME/IL55

B.A. DEGREE: ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS END SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021 SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR ELECTIVE TIME: 1 ½ HOURS PAPER: INDIAN LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION MAX. MARKS: 50

SECTION A

- I. Answer any two of the following in about 100 words each. (2x5=10)
 - 1. Describe the imagery employed in Bulleh Shah's kafi "There is only one thread of all cotton."
 - 2. How does the poet explore the law of impermanence through Ambapali's ageing body?
 - 3. Comment on the role played by Buddhism in Dalit emancipation in Daya Pawar's poetry.
 - 4. Explain the symbolism in "A Flowering Tree."

SECTION B

- II. Answer any two of the following in about 300 words each. (2x10=20)
 - 5. Comment on the dominant theme of the play *Karnabharam*.
 - 6. Discuss Na.Muthusami's *Narkkalikkarar* as a parody of the electoral process.
 - 7. How does Indira Goswami unify women across cultures/ethnicities through the character Padmapriya in "Under the Shadow of Kamakhya"?
 - 8. Discuss the elements of Bhakti in Chokhamela's poetry.

SECTION C

III. Analyse the passage given below in about 500 words. (1x20=20)

What She Said

Only the thief was there, no one else. And if he should lie, what can I do?

There was only a thin-legged heron standing on legs yellow as millet stems and looking for lampreys in the running water when he took me.

Kapilar (*Kuruntokai* 25)