

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/MC/IL 45

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021
BRANCH XII - ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR-CORE
PAPER: INDIAN LITERATURES II

TIME: 1 ½ hours
MAX. MARKS: 50

- I. Answer any two of the following in about 400 words each. (2x15=30)**
1. How does R K Narayan satirise the nativist tendencies of the Indian middle class?
 2. According to Hoskote, language is an important subject in the poetry of the second generation of Indian poets writing in English. Explain with reference to Sujata Bhatt's "The Stare".
 3. Why does the poet persona in "Background, Casually" identify himself as a "poet-rascal-clown"?
 4. How does Indira Goswami's short story "Under the Shadow of Kamakhya" highlight the importance of female bonding?
- II. Answer any one of the following in about 500 words . (1x20=20)**
5. "The mob in the play is symbolic of our own hatred and paranoia"- Justify this statement based on your reading of Mahesh Dattani's *Final Solutions*.
 6. Examine how poets from the North East critique the marginalisation of the region.