

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600086
(for candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE:19EL/MC/PR13

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2020
BRANCH XII - ENGLISH
SEMESTER –I

COURSE: MAJOR CORE
PAPER: PROSE

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS
MARKS: 50

SECTION A

I. Write a short essay on any two of the following in about 150 words each:
(2x10=20 marks)

1. How does Tamsula Ao describe the transformation she underwent?
2. Discuss the “benefits of failure” according to Rowling.
3. Examine George Mikes’ “Tea” as a satirical prose piece.
4. Comment on the Gandhian ideology as depicted in Rajmohan Gandhi’s *The Good Boatman*.

SECTION B

II. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 300 words:
(1x15=15marks)

5. Examine the features of travel writing with reference to Pico Iyer’s chapter on Bhutan in *Falling Off the Map*.
6. Critically evaluate the rhetorical devices in Addison’s “Ladies Headdress.”

SECTION C

III. Analyse the following passage with reference to context, theme, tone and style.
(1x15=15 marks)

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we can not hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work

which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
