

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

SUBJECT CODE: 19CE/MC/AL65

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR CORE
TITLE: AMERICAN LITERATURE

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 250 words each. (4x10=40 marks)

1. What does e.e.cummings criticise in “next to of course god America”?
2. Write a note on the relationship between the narrator and her mother in “Two Kinds”.
3. How does Frost effectively compare fire and ice in his poem?
4. Comment on the religious symbolism in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
5. Discuss techniques of characterisation in Mark Twain’s *Huckleberry Finn*.
6. Examine Elizabeth Bishop as one of the influential modern American poets.

SECTION B

II. Answer any three of the following in about 600 words each. (3x20=60 marks)

7. Attempt an interpretation of “Equinox” with reference to Native American history.
8. Analyse the poetic techniques and devices used by Robert Frost in “Birches”.
9. How does Emerson stress the importance of the self in his essay *Self-Reliance*?
10. Analyse some of the common themes in American poetry giving suitable examples from the poems prescribed for study.
11. Critically analyse *Death of a Salesman* as a tragedy.
12. Examine Hemingway’s portrayal of the old man in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
