

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008-09 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EL/MC/GD54

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : LITERATURE AND GENDER
TIME : 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION A

- I. Answer any THREE of the following in about 750 words each (3x25=75)
1. Discuss Adrienne Rich's use of imagery and symbolism in the poem *Snapshots of A Daughter-in-Law*.
 2. "Winnetou's Snake oil show from Wig Wam City," interweaves language and movement to satirize the 'selling' of 'Indian spirituality'. Discuss.
 3. Discuss the themes of 'difference' and diasporic identity as seen in the poem *The Fat Black Woman Goes Shopping*.
 4. Contrast the reactions of the natal and adoptive families of Saravanan to his transformation into Vidya.
 5. Consider *Small Remedies* as a novel of love, loss and healing.

SECTION B

- II. Bring out the feminist concerns in any one of the following excerpts in about 300 words (1x25=25)

- a) Nisha had begun to respond to the issue of her marriage, as a woman of the world she was not prepared to leave. She would only consent to a match with a family who let her work.
- Sona objected: Working was all right as a time pass, but if she started making such conditions, who would take her? Families wanted a daughter-in-law, wife and mother; husbands were not looking for business women. They might as well not waste money on advertisements, if she was going to be so difficult.
- 'If she wants to work, she should be allowed to', Yashpal said stubbornly. 'My first duty is to her, not to her future family. Otherwise the Karma on our heads will be too much. Too-too much.'
- 'Has the love of your daughter made you mad? You have a strange idea of Karma. Her in-laws will not thank you'.
- b) 'Amma! Amma! I've scored really high marks this time. Look at my report card'.
'Show it to your father when he comes'
'Let me see', her stepbrother splashed some water on it.

`You blind rascal!' She slapped him.
When her father came home she was eating. Her mouth was full of food when he asked her, `Why did you hit your brother?'
`Why did he splash water on my report card?'
`And if he splashes water?'
`My teacher will punish me, so I slapped him'.
He slapped her so hard that food went flying from her mouth.
`You should fear your father as much as you fear your teacher'.
