

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019–2020 and thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 19EL/MC/BL55

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIFTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER: BRITISH LITERATURE: SIXTEENTH CENTURY
TO TWENTY FIRST CENTURY

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

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

1. What are Spenser's views on immortality in the context of his Sonnet. No. 75
2. Comment on the title of the poem "The Collar".
3. How does Blake evoke sympathy for the little chimney sweeper at the beginning of the poem?
4. How is the glory of God praised in the poem "God's Grandeur"?
5. Write a short note on the symbolic significance of the number nine in *Riders to the Sea*.
6. In Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*, how does the state of the boarding house mirror the personalities of the characters?

SECTION B

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

7. Discuss the 'fruits of friendship' in detail.
8. "Robinson Crusoe embodies the perfect British colonist." Discuss.
9. Discuss the significance of madness in *Jane Eyre*.
10. Judith Butler believes that gender and even sex itself is constructed by society. Discuss in the context of *On Chesil Beach*.
11. What is the central theme of the poem "Snake" by D. H. Lawrence?
12. How does Alexander Pope satirise English society in his poem "The Rape of the Lock"?
