

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019–2020 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 19CE/MC/BL34

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR CORE
PAPER : BRITISH LITERATURE
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any three short essays (500 words)

3x15 = 45 marks

1. Comment on the themes of immortality and love in Spenser's Sonnet 75.
2. Analyse *Rape of the Lock* as a mock epic.
3. If Jane and Rochester are "akin," then what is their "kind"? What do they actually share, and what made them similar in the first place?
4. What role does superstition play in *Riders to the Sea*?
5. How is language used as a means of intimidation in Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*?

SECTION B

II. Answer any two long essays (600 words)

2x20 = 40 marks

6. Describe Bacon's different fruits of friendship.
7. What are the major themes dealt with in Daniel Defoe's novel *Robinson Crusoe*?
8. Highlight the significance of the title of the poem "Upon Westminster Bridge" and how does the poet describe London in his poem?
9. Compare Edward's family to Florence's in *On Chesil Beach*. How does class differences interfere with their relationship in Ian McEwan's?

SECTION C

III. Analyse the given passage in about 500 words

1x15 = 15 marks

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.
