

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600086
(for candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE:19EL/PC/IL44

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023
BRANCH VII – MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE: CORE
TITLE: INDIAN LITERATURES II

TIME: 3 HOURS
MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 650 words each. (4x15=60)

1. Discuss the idea of secularism according to Amartya Sen.
2. How does Bruce King create a “literary mapping of India”?
3. Critically evaluate Narayan's *Kocharethi* from a subaltern perspective.
4. Comment on Khushwant Singh’s use of irony and satire in “India is a Strange Country.”
5. How does Daruwalla contrast eastern sophistication with western ambition in *For Pepper and Christ*?
6. Discuss the themes and techniques in A K Ramanujan’s “No Amnesiac King”.

SECTION B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 750 words each. (2x20=40)

7. Enumerate the major concerns highlighted by Romila Thapar in “Historical Consciousness in Early India”.
8. Discuss the representation of caste in any two texts prescribed for study.
9. Examine the representation of gender and sexuality in *Aravaan* and *So said Shakuni, Thus Spake Shurpanaka*.
10. Identify and discuss any two social/cultural/political/economic factors that shaped post-Independence Indian literatures.
