

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

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED CORE
PAPER : LITERATURE AND IDEAS
SUBJECT CODE : 19CE/AC/LI35
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION A

I. Answer any FOUR of the following in about 100 words each: (4x5=20)

1. What does Rousseau mean by State of Nature, Social Contract and the General Will?
2. What is the relationship between base and superstructure?
3. What is the difference between feminist, female and feminine in literary theory?
4. Comment on the theme of "Tiger Psalm."
5. How do Id, Ego and Superego combine to form a personality?
6. What is Hegel's dialectic of consciousness?

SECTION B

II. Answer any THREE of the following in about 500 words each: (3x20=60)

7. Sartre believes that many people seek to "escape" from their freedom and responsibility. Elucidate.
8. How did Nietzsche regard the Dionysian and the Apollonian principles?
9. Describe the work and the writing style of Makbula Manzoor.
10. Examine Dickens' *Hard Times* as a critique of capitalism as it reflects upon the socio-economic conditions of the Industrial Revolution.
11. Explain the philosophical dilemma at the heart of Wordsworth's *The Prelude*.

SECTION C

III. Analyse the following passage. (1x20=20)

12. A central tenet of modern feminist thought has been the assertion that "all women are oppressed." This assertion implies that women share a common lot, that factors like class, race, religion, sexual preference, etc., do not create a diversity of experience that determines the extent to which sexism will be an oppressive force in the lives of individual women. Sexism as a system of domination is institutionalized, but it has never determined in an absolute way the fate of all women in this society. Being oppressed means the absence of choices. It is the primary point of contact between the oppressed and the oppressor. Many women in this society do have choices (as inadequate as they are), therefore exploitation and discrimination are words that more accurately describe the lot of women collectively in the United States. Many women do not join organized resistance against sexism precisely because sexism has not meant an absolute lack of choices....
