

**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 : MAJOR CORE**  
**PAPER : BRITISH LITERATURE**  
**SUBJECT CODE : 19CE/MC/BL34**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS**

**MAX. MARKS: 100**

**SECTION A**

**I. Answer any three of the following questions in about 500 words each. 3x15 = 45 marks**

1. Analyse the argumentative pattern of Spenser's sonnet.
2. Comment on *Rape of the Lock* as a mock-heroic poem.
3. Compare and contrast all the female characters in *Jane Eyre*.
4. Write a note on the elements of realism in *The Birthday Party*.
5. Does Synge present his characters in a sympathetic light? How does this tie in with notions of "primitivism" in the times of Synge?

**SECTION B**

**II. Answer any two of the following in about 600 words each. 2x20 = 40 marks**

6. Describe the dream narrative in "The Chimney Sweepers" and discuss its significance.
7. Compare the ideas regarding man's ability to create for himself a civilization in the wilderness in *Robinson Crusoe*.
8. Does Wordsworth's "Composed upon Westminster Bridge" belong to the romantic age in literature? Justify your answer.
9. How does D. H. Lawrence recreate the image, movement and grandeur of the snake? Discuss with reference to the techniques used in the poem "Snake".

**SECTION C**

**III. Analyse the given passage in about 500 words. 1x15 = 15 marks**

The second fruit of friendship, is healthful and sovereign for the understanding, as the first is for the affections. For friendship maketh indeed a fair day in the affections, from storm and tempests; but it maketh daylight in the understanding, out of darkness, and confusion of thoughts. Neither is this to be understood only of faithful counsel, which a man receiveth from his friend; but before you come to that, certain it is, that whosoever hath his mind fraught with many thoughts, his wits and understanding do clarify and break up, in the communicating and discoursing with another; he tosseth his thoughts more easily; he marshalleth them more orderly, he seeth how they look when they are turned into words: finally, he waxeth wiser than himself; and that more by an hour's discourse, than by a day's meditation.