

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86**  
**(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024)**

**B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A/B.C.A/B.V.A/B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION,**  
**NOVEMBER 2023**  
**FIRST SEMESTER**

**COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE**

**PAPER : ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I**

**SUBJECT CODE : 23EL/FC/EC13**

**TIME : 3 HOURS**

**MAX. MARKS: 100**

<b>I</b>	<b>SECTION A</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks with the correct article. If an article should not be used, mark <math>\phi</math>. (5x1=5)</b> (i) The girl was wearing _____ yellow dress. (ii) He will be here in _____ hour. (iii) She has climbed _____ Mount Everest twice already. (iv) He goes swimming twice _____ week. (v) She is _____ most experienced employee in this office.	1	1
<b>2.</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. (5x1=5)</b> (i) She is taking her daughter _____ school. (ii) The deer ran _____ the woods and disappeared. (iii) I have gone _____ your work and find it interesting. (iv) The book was _____ the table, next to the pen. (v) She was leaning _____ the tree and looking up at the sky.	1	1
<b>3.</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks using the verb given in the brackets in the simple present tense or the present continuous tense. (10x1=10)</b> (i) Usually she _____ (work) from 9 am, but today she _____ (plan) to begin work half an hour earlier. (ii) I used to live in Trichy, but I _____ (not, live) there now. (iii) Paul and John _____ (cook) something delicious; dinner should be ready in ten minutes. (iv) _____ (she, go) to a movie tonight? (v) You have an exam tomorrow; why _____ (you, not, prepare) for it? (vi) We _____ (believe) he _____ (be) the best candidate for the job. (vii) Look! An elephant _____ (walk) across the river! It _____ (be) right there next to the big rock.	1	1
	<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Answer any two of the following questions. (2x10=20)</b> (i) You are representing the college at a state level cricket tournament. An internal component is scheduled during this time. Write a letter to your class teacher requesting leave for four days. Request her to allow you to take a retest for the same. Also apologise for the inconvenience caused.	2	2

	(ii) You have a viral fever and you have been advised rest for a week. Write a letter to the Principal of the college requesting leave for a week. Assure her that, on the day you return to college, you will submit the assignment that is due during the period in which you are on leave. (iii) Write a letter to the Librarian of the college apologising for accidentally damaging a library book you had borrowed. Also offer to replace the book at your own cost.		
<b>III.</b>	<b>Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each.</b> <b>(2x10=20)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
	(i) Describe your grandmother. (ii) Describe your favourite teacher and favourite spot in school. (iii) Describe the college canteen at break time.		
	<b>SECTION C</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Read the brochure given below and answer the questions that follow in 3-4 sentences each.</b> <b>(4x5=20)</b>  <b>A Stay Above the Clouds</b> Sterling Ooty – Elk Hill spread over 4.5 acres has a fantastic view of Ooty’s famous racecourse. Explore the spa, bar & enjoy fresh produce from our vegetable garden. Indulge in a host of indoor & outdoor games within the resort.  Sterling Ooty - Elk Hill resort is a destination for those who want to spend some quiet time. The resort faces Ooty and its famous racecourse. You can sit for hours and watch the beautiful town below. The resort also has a telescope for you to zoom in on some choice sights of the city without stirring out of the resort. It also has its own organic vegetable garden. The fresh produce of the garden is used in the kitchen. Do remember to drop by and say hello to the well-informed gardener. Not only can he give you great tips, but also guide you to the best strawberry gardens, mushroom farms and tea plantations in the region.  In the 149 well-appointed rooms of the resort, one can see clouds float by the window. Visit the indigenous Toda community. You will be surprised to learn about their culture and their way of life. The resort's Holiday Activity Centre can plan such interesting outings for you.	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Resort Facilities</b>	<b>In Room Amenities</b>	<b>Activities and Experiences</b>
	Banqueting Elevator Fitness Centre Gift Shop In-Room Dining Laundry Power Backup Travel Desk Free Wi-Fi	Room Heater (on request) Complimentary Packaged Water - 2 Bottles (500 ml) Tea Coffee Maker Hair Dryer (only in Privilege Suite) Mini Fridge (only in the two Suites) LED Television	Arts n Craft Board Games Bonfire/Party Games Library My Store Playing Cards Table Tennis Baby Corner Video Games

**Classic Room**

Unwind in this contemporary 190 sq.ft room that comes with a valley view. The classic rooms come with a queen bed and can accommodate a maximum of 2 adults and 1 child.

**Premier Room**

Premier Rooms comes with a queen bed and a single sofa cum bed. They are 220 sq.ft in size and comes with a city as well as valley view. Premier rooms accommodate a maximum of 2 adults and 2 children / 3 adults.

**Privilege Suite**

Each meticulously designed Privilege Suite comes with a king-sized bed and a separate living area replete with a double sofa cum bed. Covering an area of 380 sq.ft, this spacious suite can accommodate a maximum of 3 adults and 1 child. The suites have a spectacular view of the valley and the city.

**Family Suite**

Our 2 Bedroom apartments are extra spacious to suit your needs. They come with two bedrooms with king sized beds and a separate living area with a double sofa cum bed. With stunning views, this apartment can accommodate a maximum of 6 adults.

**Dining**

Cafe Blu is the multi-cuisine restaurant at Sterling Ooty - Elk Hill. The restaurant is known for its regional dishes, especially that of Badaga cuisine.

STERLING Bistro, a one of its kind coffee shop, offers a wide range of tea, coffee and fruit juices. You can order your favourite pastries and cakes from the bakery attached.

**Event Facilities**

Sterling Ooty (Fern Hill and Elk Hill) together provide one of the largest platforms for conferences and events in India. Sterling Ooty - Elk Hill is an upscale resort with 149 rooms. The resort's conference venue which can easily seat 300 guests can be the perfect venue if you are planning an event. You can also plan events by the terrace garden which has a capacity of up to 200 guests.

	(i) A guest staying at the hotel wants to see the important spots in the city from the hotel without going out. Which facility offered by the hotel would be appropriate for him? Why?		
	(ii) Rachel Jacob is a guest at the hotel. She is interested in gardening and would like to visit some plantations in Ooty. She would also like to discuss how to take care of her own plants at home. Whom should she meet at the hotel and why?		
	(iii) An organization wishes to hold its three-day Annual General Body Meeting in Ooty. The meeting will be attended by about 150 people. They plan to have indoor meetings during the day and outdoor sessions for an hour every evening. Which facilities in the resort can they use and why?		
	(iv) A family of 4 adults and a child is visiting Ooty. They wish to stay together in a single room and will also require facilities to store baby food, milk and fruits during their stay. Which of the four types of rooms should they choose? Why?		

V.	<p><b>Read the news report given below and answer the questions that follow in 3-4 sentences each. (4x5=20)</b></p> <p><b>Crucial test for Rajini’s command over the box office</b></p> <p>August 09, 2023 11:37 pm   Updated August 10, 2023 05:38pm CHENNAI THE HINDU BUREAU</p> <p>After two not-so-successful movies and after his decision not to enter politics, actor Rajinikanth’s film <i>Jailer</i>, produced by Sun Pictures and directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, which is set for a grand release on Thursday, appears to be an important test for the ‘Superstar’.</p> <p>If one goes by the number of advance bookings for the film, it seems that the 72-year-old veteran actor continues to have a magical hold over the audience. Sources in the film industry state that the film is set to release in over 900 screens in Tamil Nadu alone. Tiruppur Subramaniam, president, Tamil Nadu Theatre and Multiplex Owners’ Association, says Mr. Rajinikanth continues to be a big draw at the box office.</p> <p>“The advance booking is much better than his last two films though it cannot be said that it is comparable to the rush we experienced during <i>Kabali</i>. The film’s songs are a huge hit and that has also helped draw the crowds. Mr. Rajinikanth has also managed to draw in the younger audience, who did not grow up watching him. He has managed to hold his place at the box office,” he says.</p> <p>Many in the film trade think Mr. Rajinikanth’s stardom and his ‘image’ as a superhero suffered after his decision to quit politics due to health reasons in 2020. Mr. Rajinikanth made a grand announcement that he would enter politics in 2017, promising to reform the ‘system’ in Tamil Nadu. However, his plans were stopped by the pandemic, which prevented him from starting a political party and contesting the elections.</p> <p>Many are already saying that actor Vijay has overtaken Mr. Rajinikanth and has taken the number one spot at the box office. <i>Jailer</i> also releases in the middle of a debate over whether the actor still has it in him to command the numbers at the box office. His previous film <i>Annathe</i>, which released immediately after his 2020 announcement, did not do well at the box office. Given the uncertainty, unlike his previous films, <i>Jailer</i> will not have any early morning screenings.</p>	5	5
	(i) Why is the release of <i>Jailer</i> a test for Rajinikanth’s popularity?		
	(ii) From your reading of the report do you think <i>Jailer</i> will do better than <i>Kabali</i> ? What information in the news report helps you answer this?		
	(iii) How did Rajinikanth’s decision about politics affect his image as a superhero?		
	(iv) Why do you think it has been decided not to have early morning screenings for <i>Jailer</i> ?		