

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
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NOVEMBER 2023
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : **FOUNDATION CORE**
PAPER : **LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE - I**
SUBJECT CODE : **23EL/FC/LL13**
TIME : **3 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS: 100**

I.	SECTION A	CO	KL
1.	Recall the rules of tenses and fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets. (20 x 1 = 20 marks)		
	i. Mary _____ (go) to a new school next term. ii. Last year, we _____ (spend) the entire winter soaking in the afternoon sun. iii. He _____ (watch) TV most evenings as he _____ (eat) his dinner. iv. Joanne said “I _____ (fish) since I was a child.” v. He _____ (go) five minutes ago to the airport to pick up a friend; he _____ (return) in an hour. vi. I _____ (sleep) till around 6 a.m. tomorrow. vii. They _____ (walk) for an hour when it started to rain suddenly. viii. Sarah _____ (want) to be a doctor when she grows up. ix. The lawyer said to the accused, “You _____ (not/tell) the truth right from the beginning of this trial.” x. The mother was _____ (distress) as the child _____ (cry) all day. xi. This evening, when I got home, the children _____ (do) their homework. xii. _____ (you/relocate) to another city next year? xiii. Harish exclaimed “Look! The sun _____ (rise) over the hills!” xiv. “Did you think you _____ (see) me somewhere before?” asked the policeman. xv. Sam _____ (be) a young man who _____ (travel) around the world and visited many countries. xvi. Before her father arrives, she _____ (finish) cleaning the house.	CO 1	K1
II.	SECTION B		
2.	Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each. (2 x 10 = 20 marks)	CO 2	K2

	<p>i. Write a letter to the college librarian apologising for the damaged condition of a borrowed book. Also request for permission to replace it.</p> <p>ii. Write a letter to the President of the Homeowners Association (HOA) apologising for noise from your apartment the previous evening when you were hosting a party.</p> <p>iii. Write a letter to the Senior Manager of your firm requesting permission to work from home for the next three months.</p>		
III.	Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each. (2 x 10 = 20 marks)	CO 3	K3
3.	Construct a paragraph describing the people in your most memorable photograph.		
4.	Construct a paragraph describing the physical setting of a store where you like to shop with your friends.		
5.	Construct a paragraph describing a product that features in your favourite advertisement on TV.		
IV.	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION C</p> <p>Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>After concluding negotiations with Raju, the manager took him to meet Amma. It was the only time he met her. Occasionally she came out during the day and moved about. Now and again, people's voices and peals of laughter could be heard in the daytime. During the night, however, there was only the sound of dogs barking. There were four dogs on the farm and they roamed around the farm at all hours of the night. Raju didn't like them all that much. There was a cattle shed inside the farm for rearing cattle. At one time, there had been four or five heads of cattle in the shed. Now it was used for storing timber. There was a small tile-roofed cottage, which had once served as living quarters for the fellow who was looking after the cattle.</p> <p>When Raju joined two months ago, certain conditions were conveyed to him. He too had put forth three conditions. He should be given a place to stay. He should be served food three times a day and tea twice. He should not be asked to do any work in the daytime. They had accepted all three without qualification and allotted the cattle-tender's quarters to Raju. It was a beautiful and well-maintained cottage. His possessions, which included four or five pieces of clothing, were very few. There was no disturbance to his sleep during the daytime. A night watchman couldn't find a more comfortable place to work in.</p> <p>In all the years since he had run away from home, Raju had worked as a night watchman in many towns and in many types of establishments. When he started out, it was the only job he could get. Over time, he had grown used to the work and to the attendant routine. He had a very hard time during the inevitable</p>		

gap of one or two days between leaving a job and joining another. He could		
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	<p>not sleep a wink at night. He felt miserable, having to spend the entire night in his hovel of a room without sleep.</p> <p>Because of his vocation, nights were familiar territory for him. He slept through the day. On most days, he did not get even a glimpse of daylight. He thought that he did his work properly, without any shortcomings. But some unexpected problem would crop up suddenly; forcing him to change his employer. Since there was a perennial need for nightwatchmen, he always got another job immediately. The only problem was accommodation. He needed a room where he could sleep undisturbed during the day.</p> <p>He had grown used to staying awake at night. But it was impossible to meet and chat with people at night-time. He was forced to interact with men who did the same type of job and talk endlessly about the same boring topic night after night. Besides, he rarely saw any women. By the time he came out, the women would have reached home or were on their way. Anyway, he didn't have the time to stop and look at them. The occasions where he managed to talk to women were very rare in his life. A few words uttered by them on those occasions still rang in his ears. Like picture frames, he had put up certain faces in his heart. Now and again, he would pick one and caress her to his heart's content.</p>		
	Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (4 x 5 = 20 marks)	CO 4	K4
6.	In about 75 words, point out the three conditions laid by Raju before accepting the job.		
7.	In about 75 words, compare Raju's response to his encounters with men and with women.		
8.	In about 75 words, explain Raju's reasons for working as a night watchman.		
9.	Select words or phrases from the passage that mean the same as: i) move about or travel aimlessly ii) a group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together iii) the state of having, owning, or controlling something iv) a fault or failure to meet a certain standard v) not interesting		
V.	Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each. (2 x 10 = 20 marks)	CO5	K5
10.	Elaborate on how the stepmother saves Snow White from the Evil Queen.		
11.	Comment on Tishani Doshi's love for the city as expressed in her poem "Homecoming".		
12.	Evaluate the role of the bridge players in restoring Queen		

	Pulamvula to her position as the Official Rain Queen.		
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