

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

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**  
**BRANCH VII – ENGLISH**  
**THIRD SEMESTER**

**COURSE : MAJOR CORE**  
**PAPER : LITERATURE AND ECOLOGY**  
**SUBJECT CODE : 19EL/PC/LE34**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS: 100**

**Section A**

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

1. Discuss any three characteristics of ecocritical thought with examples.
2. Discuss the three types of Oikos in Tamil poetry.
3. Evaluate Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey" from an ecological perspective.
4. Comment on the anthropomorphism in Sarah Orne Jewett's "A White Heron".
5. How does cultural revival save our environment according to Wangari Maathai?
6. Comment on the characteristics of nature writing in Terry Tempest Williams's "The Bowl".

**Section B**

**II. Answer any one of the following in about 750 words. (1x20=20 marks)**

7. Critically analyse the nature-culture binary in Sarah Joseph's *Gift in Green*.
8. Discuss the human-animal conflict in "The Wellfleet Whale".

**Section C**

**III. Critically analyse the following passage from an ecological perspective. (1x20=20 marks)**

9. What is man? Storyteller, mythmaker, and destroyer of the living world. Thinking with a gabble of reason, emotion, and religion...Magnificent in imaginative power and exploratory drive, yet yearning to be more master than steward of a declining planet. Born with the capacity to survive and evolve forever, able to render the biosphere eternal also. Yet arrogant, reckless, lethally predisposed to favor self, tribe, and short-term futures. Obsequious to imagined higher beings, contemptuous toward lower forms of life.

Edward O. Wilson, *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life*

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