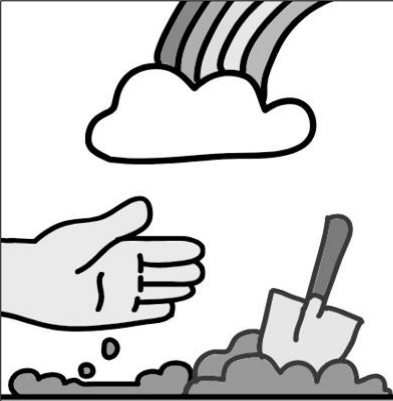


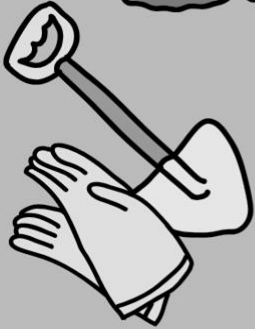
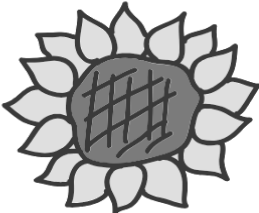
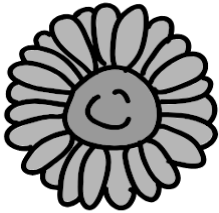
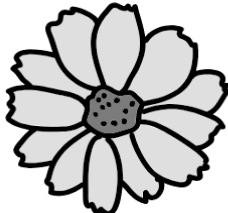


STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024 and thereafter)

B.Voc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE
PAPER : ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION - I
SUBJECT CODE : 23EL/FC/EC14
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION A		CO	KL
1.	Fill in the blanks with the correct article. If an article should not be used, write ϕ. (5x1=5) (i) They arrived at _____ midnight after a long journey. (ii) It took me _____ hour to complete the assignment. (iii) Can you pass me _____ salt, please? (iv) Do you have _____ umbrella? It looks like it's going to rain. (v) I haven't seen you in _____ long time!	1	1
2.	Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. (5x1=5) (i) She will arrive _____ 5 o'clock. (ii) They discussed the project _____ a long time. (iii) I found my wallet _____ my bag. (iv) The cat jumped _____ the table and knocked over the lamp. (v) He hid _____ the tree to surprise his friends.	1	1
3.	Fill in the blanks using the verb given in the brackets in the simple present tense or the present continuous tense. (10x1=10) (i) He usually _____ (take) the bus to work, but today he _____ (drive) his car. (ii) "How _____ (be) you?" he asked. She could only say, "I _____" (not, know). (iii) Right now, Tara and Maya _____ (sing) and we _____ (dance). (iv) I _____ (read) books and _____ (write) in my journal every day. (v) "But _____ (you, paint)?" asked little Freda. Mousie did not know what it was so said, "I _____ (like) watching other people dance."	1	1
SECTION B		CO	KL
Answer any two of the following questions. (2x10=20)		2	2
4.	You are the President of the Students' Union and you have to attend a leadership conference at King's College, Pune. Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting for On Duty leave for five days.		
5.	You have just removed your tooth and the pain is severe. You have to do a presentation in two days. Write a letter to your class teacher requesting leave for three days and permission to do your presentation on the day you return.		
6.	Write a letter to a customer of Nestasia Pvt. Ltd. apologising for the delivery of broken glass jars. Also offer to refund or replace the broken jars at no extra cost.		
Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each. (2x10=20)		3	3
7.	Describe what you usually notice from the window or balcony of your home.		
8.	Describe a rainy day at college.		
9.	Describe your favourite person.		

SECTION C		CO	KL
Read the brochure given below and answer ALL the questions that follow in 3-4 sentences each.		4	4
			
		Mission Greenthumb Public Youth Initiative	
<p>Youth Program Registration and Information</p> <p>Head Office: 10, West Leith Castle Road, Santhome, Chennai 600028.</p> <p>Main contact: <i>Pomona Sprout,</i> <i>Youth Program Organizer</i> 044-24895567 Register@missiongreenthumb.com Or register online at: www.missiongreenthumb.com</p>	<p>Volunteer Hours & Opportunities for College Students</p> <p>Mission Greenthumb has various roles and volunteer opportunities for College Students who require volunteer hours in order to obtain their credits.</p> <p>Some requirements may specify approximately 40 hours of volunteer work in order for a student to graduate. We are flexible in creating scheduled daytime shifts during the weekdays and weekends to accommodate, as well as provide letters of recommendations upon request.</p>		
			
<p>All About Mission Greenthumb</p>	<p>Public Youth Initiative Program Tasks</p>	<p>Getting Involved in The Community</p>	
<p>Mission: Greenthumb is a nonprofit and volunteer-organised program that aims to empower people to live healthier lives in a clean environment surrounded by sustainable and natural elements and greenery.</p> <p>Our Public Youth Initiative provides families, young children and teens the opportunity to become involved with their communities.</p> <p>We welcome new registries and volunteers to join our mission!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be involved in monthly tree-planting events within the community (Spring and Fall Seasons) • Fundraising for plant and tree maintenance • Monthly garbage clean-up in public spaces • Care for public communal flower gardens 	<p>Public Schools: Our program provides educational visits to schools, as well as organise field trips to community green spaces for young minds to get involved.</p> <p>Public Community Spaces: Our tree-planting locations focus on community and public spaces to be enjoyed by everyone within the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Some places include: Senior homes, public parks, schools, community centers, playgrounds, nature trails, and more.</p>	

10	Anita has to volunteer for 25 hours to get college credits. Her classes begin at 12 noon and go on till 6 in the evening. Is Mission Greenthumb a good option for her? (5 marks)		
11	What are the different tasks that a volunteer can do? (5 marks)		
12	Does the aim of the program match with what the volunteers do at the public community spaces? (5 marks)		
13	Would you choose to volunteer at Mission Greenthumb along with your family? Give reasons for your choice. (5 marks)		
	Read the news report given below and answer all the questions that follow in 3-4 sentences each. (4x5=20)	5	5
	<p style="text-align: center;">Should Adventure Tourism Be Allowed? By Allison Singer. Published on April 10, 2024 in <i>Time for Kids</i></p> <p>Traveling by submarine to view an underwater shipwreck. Trekking to the top of a distant mountain. Buckling in on a space ship. Extreme adventure tourists are always seeking the next thrill. According to Grand View Research, they were expected to spend more than \$1 trillion in 2023 alone. But with extreme adventure comes extreme risk—to the tourists and, if they're not careful, to the places on which they leave their mark. Should adventure tourism be allowed? Readers of <i>Time for Kids</i> have shared their opinion.</p> <p>Cecilia Dietz, Aged 9 Extreme adventure tourism should definitely be allowed. It encourages the next generation of adventurers. It also opens more opportunities for family fun, which happens less and less these days as technology improves. Adventure tourism also helps the environment. If people have positive experiences in places, they might want to donate. The more that people donate to natural wonders, the better these beautiful places can be preserved. This means that the next generation would get to enjoy them.</p> <p>Yeonjae Noh, Aged 11 Extreme tourism should be discouraged, because it's not worth the risk. It consists of dangerous activities that can have a negative impact, on the tourists and on the environment. Wildlife can be harmed. Ecosystems can be destroyed because of the trash left behind by tourists. Also, when extreme tourists get injured or lost, police and rescue forces are required. These forces are needed to help regular citizens, and there's a limited amount of help they can provide. Some people might be neglected while help is provided for tourists.</p> <p>Shaurya Rajput, Aged 10 People should have the right to go on an adventure. If you don't want to go, you don't have to. Adventure tourism helps clear your mind. It allows you to connect with nature and disconnect from your day-to-day work. Travel helps people broaden their point of view and see the world in a better way. It allows them to connect with people, learn new cultures, and explore geographic locations. Adventure tourism helps people overcome their fears, feel strong, and have a sense of achievement. Plus, it boosts the local economy. Adventures are fun, especially when you're with your family.</p> <p>Emery Sumen, Aged 11 Extreme tourism can be very expensive and extremely dangerous. The same goes for mountain tourism. It's just too dangerous, and it's not worth the risk. Tourism of all types results in pollution and littering. And there are environmental hazards associated with adventure-tourism activities such as kayaking, scuba diving, and rappelling.</p>		

14	<p>State whether the following statements are true or false. (5 marks)</p> <p>(i) Cecilia Dietz believes that adventure tourism can help preserve natural wonders through donations from tourists who have positive experiences.</p> <p>(ii) Yeonjae Noh suggests that extreme adventure tourism is a positive activity.</p> <p>(iii) Emery Sumen argues that mountain tourism is dangerous.</p> <p>(iv) All the readers support adventure tourism.</p> <p>(v) Yeonjae Noh is concerned about the harm extreme tourism can cause to wildlife and ecosystems, as well as the trash left behind by tourists.</p>													
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