

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

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./ /B.V.A/B.C.A/B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2024
FIRST SEMESTER

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

Q. No.	SECTION	CO	KL
	SECTION A		
	Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (20x1=20 marks)	CO 1	K1
1	<p>1.1. It is Reena's birthday today. We _____ (plan) a surprise party for more than an hour. Sharon _____ (already buy) the gift. It _____ (be) in the cupboard. Now all of us are busy as we _____ (finalise) dinner arrangements. When we notice that Reena _____ (walk) into the room, we _____ (stop) talking. We tell her that we have plans to go out and celebrate because we _____ (just finish) remodeling our home. As we _____ (walk) to the parking lot, I _____ (remember) something. We _____ (forget) to pick up the gift from the cupboard.</p> <p>1.2. Tom Wilson is an explorer. He _____ (be) to every country in the world. The most exciting time was when he went into the Congo jungle. As he _____ (follow) a river, he got separated from the guides. He _____ (go) forward alone hoping he _____ (find) them. He _____ (meet) a group of natives. They took care of him and he _____ (stay) with them for many days. Tom _____ (become) friendly with the natives. Now he _____ (plan) to go back and _____ (visit) them again. He is sure they _____ (welcome) him back.</p>		
	SECTION B		
	Write any two of the following letters. (2x10=20 marks)	CO 2	K2
2	Write a letter to the librarian, Connemara Library, requesting permission to borrow books necessary to complete your project/term paper.		
3	You are the class representative and your class needs to hold an exhibition as part of your III component. Write a letter to the Vice Principal requesting permission to use the OAT.		
4	Write a letter to the hostel warden apologising for the disturbance caused during the birthday celebrations held the previous evening.		

	Write a paragraph on any two of the following in about 150 words. (2x10=20 marks)	CO 3	K3
5	Describe your role model.		
6	Describe your best vacation destination.		
7	Describe your favourite dish.		
	SECTION C		
	Read the passage from “The Bridge Playing Rain Queen” given below and answer the question that follow. (4x5=20 marks)	CO 4	K4
	<p>As soon as Pru started to deal, the sky became overcast. As she opened the bidding, she heard the first drops splattering among the dry cobs. When she made the game call of 3 No Trumps, the heavens opened up.</p> <p>Pru was forced to concede.</p> <p>And the four women understood and accepted! They had been called to serve their country, to avert a national crisis.</p> <p>Once the nation understood, their lives changed altogether and they were flying from province to province bringing succour to farmers everywhere.</p> <p>People hailed them as saviours.</p> <p>Except, of course, at cicada. Pulamvala, the Official rain queen (ORQ), was in a state of despair. It had not rained since the old queen had died, since she had become the ORQ.</p> <p>People looked at her askance. They were beginning to doubt her powers and were losing faith in the age-old tradition. To make matters worse, those bridge players had come out of nowhere and broken the drought. Every time she switched on the TV in her hut and saw the weatherman showing where the bridge players would be, she turned into a raging fury, dancing, stamping and ululating, bringing down the most violent electric storms but not a drop of rain. nevertheless, <i>She</i> was Queen, anointed by God! Not the surrogate of alien creatures from another planet! She would not allow the pretenders to usurp her throne!</p>		
8	What happened to the weather when Pru started to deal?		
9	How did the lives of the four women change?		
10	What happened after Pulamvala had become the Official Rain Queen?		
11	What effect did the bridge players have on Pulamvala when she saw them on TV? Why?		
	Answer two of the following in about 150 words. (2x10=20 marks)	CO 5	K5
12	What are the thoughts expressed by Ezekiel in his poem “The Patriot?”		
13	How are the Greek artists different from the Chinese?		
14	When did the queen understand the Huntsman’s intentions? What did she do to protect Snow Night?		