

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2025-2026)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE: CORE

COURSE TITLE: ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: 25CE/MC/LG25

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
I. Identify and give the three term label for the underlined sounds:		(10 x 1 = 10)	
1.	i) <u>M</u> ango ii) <u>B</u> ack iii) <u>C</u> offee iv) <u>R</u> apid v) <u>T</u> hink vi) <u>F</u> ool vii) <u>L</u> ove viii) <u>G</u> irl ix) <u>H</u> oney x) <u>E</u> xcellent	1	1
II. Identify the appropriate phonetic (IPA) symbols for the following three term labels:		(5 x 1 = 5)	
2.	i) Voiced velar nasal ii) Voiced palato-alveolar affricate iii) Voiceless bilabial plosive iv) Voiceless labio-dental fricative v) Voiced labio-velar semi-vowel	1	1
III. Recognise the underlined vowel sounds and plot them on the cardinal vowel chart:		(5 x 1 = 5)	
3.	i) <u>E</u> yes ii) <u>S</u> ee iii) <u>U</u> p iv) <u>C</u> all v) <u>A</u> gain	1	1
Q. No.	SECTION B	CO	KL
IV. Identify the sentence pattern in the following sentences:		(5 x 2 = 10)	
4.	i) Life is short. ii) The players are practising. iii) Experience made Venmadhi an expert. iv) India will win the World Cup. v) Kabir told me a secret.	2	2

V. Locate the primary stress in the given words:		(5 x 2 = 10)	
5.	i) Admiration ii) Leadership iii) Refugee iv) Photographer v) Footboard	2	2
Q. No.	SECTION C	CO	KL
VI. Attempt a phonemic transcription of the following words:		(5 x 2 = 10)	
6.	i) Amazing ii) Statue iii) Ring iv) Wicket v) Over	3	3
VII. Attempt a morphemic analysis of the following words:		(10 x 1 = 10)	
7.	i) Clownish ii) Acceptance iii) Replay iv) Sweeten v) Civility vi) Subconscious vii) Indefinitely viii) Humanitarian ix) Stardom x) Oxen	3	3
Q. No.	SECTION D	CO	KL
VIII. Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentences:		(4 x 2.5 = 10)	
8.	i) Sanju Samson delivered a great performance. ii) Mugilan is waiting at the park. iii) The library is being renovated. iv) Ezhil loves Ruskin Bond stories.	4	4
IX. Answer any two of the following questions in about 75 words each: (2 x 5 = 10)			
9.	Discuss fall-rise and rise-fall intonation with suitable examples.	4	4
10.	Explain the term idiolect with reference to your personal idiolect and its unique features.		
11.	Examine the arbitrariness of linguistic signs.		
Q. No.	SECTION E	CO	KL
X. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words each:		(2 x 10 = 20)	
12.	Write an essay on the classification of English consonants based on the manner of articulation.	5	5
13.	Evaluate the characteristics of human language.		
14.	Assess the merits and demerits of traditional grammar.		