

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

B.A./B.Sc./B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE
PAPER : LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE IV
SUBJECT CODE : 23EL/FC/LL43
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
	Complete the following exercises:	1	1
1.	<p>Convert the following sentences from Active to Passive Voice or from Passive to Active Voice (10x1=10)</p> <p>a) She baked a chocolate cake. b) The students completed the project on time. c) A charity event is being organised by them. d) The company launched a new product last week. e) Someone stole my bicycle yesterday. f) The construction workers are building a new bridge. g) Raju has finished the assignment. h) An email has been sent by her. i) The window had been broken before we arrived. j) Was the assignment finished by her?</p>		
2.	<p>Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms: (10x1=10)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>by the book keep them at arm's length stormy relationship got a raw deal in full swing birds of a feather a soft spot raised the bar herding cats game plan</p> </div> <p>a) Even though Rani and her friends work in the same team, Rani tends to _____, never letting them get too close. b) The workers felt they _____ when management cut their bonuses without any explanation. c) Their _____ made family gatherings extremely tense and uncomfortable. d) Ravi and his friends have been together since they were 5 years old—they are truly _____. e) Organising so many young children at the summer camp felt like _____. f) Before the big presentation, the team sat down to discuss the _____ for the project. g) The manager insists on doing everything _____, never deviating from standard procedures. h) By the time we arrived at the festival, the celebrations were already _____. i) The unbelievable win of the Indian cricket team in the opening match _____ for the rest of the tournament. j) The coach may seem strict, but he really has _____ for players who show determination.</p>		

Q. No.	SECTION B	CO	KL
	Write any two of the following letters. (2x10=20)	2	2
3.	You are R. Arun, possessing a diploma in Travel and Tourism and an internship experience at Go-Soar Travel Company. You wish to apply for the position of Travel Consultant advertised by BlueSky Travels on LinkedIn. They are looking for someone skilled in planning itineraries and handling clients. Write an application expressing your interest in the job.		
4.	You, Ram Chandran, the President of the Outreach Committee in your college, are organising a blood donation camp. Write a letter to the Principal requesting permission to use the college auditorium for the event.		
5.	You are Karan Thomas, the Chairman of the Drama Club in your college. A well-known theatre director has agreed to conduct a workshop for the club members. Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting permission to conduct the workshop.		
Q. No.	SECTION C	CO	KL
	Write any two of the following discursive essays. (2x10=20)	3	3
6.	Which is more effective - Diet or exercise?		
7.	Smartphones are doing more good than harm.		
8.	Animals should not be used for laboratory testing.		
Q. No.	SECTION D	CO	KL
	Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (4x5=20)	4	4
	<p>AN ASTROLOGER'S DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R. K. Narayan</p> <p>Shall I succeed in my present search or not? Answer this and go. Otherwise I will not let you go till you disgorge all your coins." The astrologer muttered a few incantations and replied, "All right. I will speak. But will you give me a rupee if what I say is convincing? Otherwise I will not open my mouth, and you may do what you like." After a good deal of haggling the other agreed. The astrologer said, "You were left for dead. Am I right?" "Ah, tell me more." "A knife has passed through you once?" said the astrologer. "Good fellow!" He bared his chest to show the scar. "What else?" "And then you were pushed into a well nearby in the field. You were left for dead." "I should have been dead if some passerby had not chanced to peep into the well," exclaimed the other, overwhelmed by enthusiasm. "When shall I get at him?" he asked, clenching his fist. "In the next world," answered the astrologer. "He died four months ago in a far-off town. You will never see any more of him." The other groaned on hearing it. The astrologer proceeded: "Guru Nayak—"</p> <p>"You know my name!" the other said, taken aback. "As I know all other things. Guru Nayak, listen carefully to what I have to say. Your village is two days' journey due north of this town. Take the next train and be gone. I see once again great danger to your life if you go from home." He took out a pinch of sacred ash and held it to him. "Rub it on your forehead and go home. Never travel southward again, and you will live to be a hundred."</p>		

	<p>“Why should I leave home again?” the other said reflectively. “I was only going away now and then to look for him and to choke out his life if I met him.” He shook his head regretfully. “He has escaped my hands. I hope at least he died as he deserved.” “Yes,” said the astrologer. “He was crushed under a lorry.” The other looked gratified to hear it. The place was deserted by the time the astrologer picked up his articles and put them into his bag. The green shaft was also gone, leaving the place in darkness and silence. The stranger had gone off into the night, after giving the astrologer a handful of coins. It was nearly midnight when the astrologer reached home. His wife was waiting for him at the door and demanded an explanation. He flung the coins at her and said, “Count them. One man gave all that.” “Twelve and a half annas,” she said, counting. She was overjoyed. “I can buy some jaggery and coconut tomorrow. The child has been asking for sweets for so many days now. I will prepare some nice stuff for her.” “The swine has cheated me! He promised me a rupee,” said the astrologer. She looked up at him. “You look worried. What is wrong?” “Nothing.” After dinner, sitting on the pyol, he told her, “Do you know a great load is gone from me today? I thought I had the blood of a man on my hands all these years. That was the reason why I ran away from home, settled here, and married you. He is alive.” She gasped. “You tried to kill!” “Yes, in our village, when I was a silly youngster. We drank, gambled, and quarreled badly one day—why think of it now? Time to sleep,” he said, yawning, and stretched himself on the pyol.</p>		
9.	Compare and contrast the astrologer’s present life with his life in the past as revealed in this excerpt.		
10.	Why did the astrologer advice Guru Nayak not to travel south again?		
11.	Examine how Guru Nayak’s eagerness for revenge is portrayed in the passage.		
12.	Is there a change in Guru Nayak’s attitude after learning that the man he wanted to kill is already dead? Give reasons.		
Q. No.	SECTION E	CO	KL
	Answer any two of the following in about 75 to 100 words each. (2x10=20)	5	5
13.	Evaluate the contrast between the lives of “Nobody” and “Somebody” in Emily Dickinson’s “I’m Nobody! Who are You?”.		
14.	Do you agree with the doctors’ conclusion that Mrs. Mallard died of the “joy that kills” in Kate Chopin’s “Story of an Hour”?		
15.	Examine how Jaya Bhattacharji Rose portrays the spirit of Christmas through her family and cooking.		
