

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2025 – 2026)

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
BRANCH XII - ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : AMERICAN LITERATURE
SUBJECT CODE : 25EL/MC/AL25
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
I	Answer one of the following in about 250 words each. (1x20=20 marks)	1	K1
1.	What does the symbolism of fire and ice convey in Frost's poem of the same name?		
2.	How does Joy Harjo use music to enhance her poetry?		
Q. No.	SECTION B	CO	KL
II	Answer one of the following in about 250 words each. (1x20=20 marks)	2	K2
3.	Examine the significance of the title "The Negro Speaks of Rivers."		
4.	Comment on the collapse of the American Dream in <i>Death of a Salesman</i> .		
Q. No.	SECTION C	CO	KL
III	Answer one of the following in about 250 words. (1x20=20 marks)	3	K3
5.	Discuss "next to of course god america i" as a satire on nationalism.		
6.	How does Mark Twain use satire and humour to critique societal attitudes and institutions in <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> ?		
Q. No.	SECTION D	CO	KL
IV	Answer one of the following in about 250 words. (1x20=20 marks)	4	K4
7.	Discuss the relevance of Joe DiMaggio in <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> .		
8.	How does Jing-Mei's relationship with her mother shape her identity in "Two Kinds"?		
Q. No.	SECTION E	CO	KL
V	Answer one of the following in about 150 words. (1x10=10 marks)	5	K5
9.	Analyse how Linda Loman functions as the moral centre and emotional anchor of the Loman family.		
10.	Explain Elizabeth Bishop's use of imagery to vividly describe the fish in her poem "The Fish."		
VI	Answer one of the following in about 150 words. (1x10=10 marks)	6	K6
11.	Critically examine Hughes' role in promoting African American identity during the Harlem Renaissance.		
12.	Do you agree with Emerson's belief that society pushes individuals to abandon their own thoughts? Explain.		
