

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI 600086
(For candidates admitted during the Academic Year 2023-24 and thereafter)

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2026
BRANCH VII - ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : POSTGRADUATE CORE
COURSE TITLE : LINGUISTICS
SUBJECT CODE : 23EL/PC/LG44
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
1.	Identify the sound underlined and give three-term labels for the following. (5x1=5)	1	1
	a. turn <u>i</u> p b. meas <u>u</u> re c. shimm <u>e</u> r d. <u>t</u> urquoise e. <u>w</u> hirlwind		
2.	Give IPA symbols for the three-term labels given. (5x1=5)	1	1
	a. voiced, palatal, approximant/semi-vowel b. voiceless, labio-dental, fricative c. voiceless, velar, plosive d. voiced, alveolar, plosive e. voiced, alveolar, nasal		
3.	Give three-term labels for the vowels given and plot the vowels on a vowel chart. (5x1=5)	1	1
	a. /ɔː/ b. /i/ c. /ɑː/ d. /o/ e. /ɛ/		
Q. No.	SECTION B	CO	KL
4.	Identify the sentence patterns of the following sentences. (5x2=10)	2	2
	a. Mr. Garfield has given us an inspirational example of self-sacrifice. b. They found the room empty. c. The aroma wafted through the windows. d. The excited horse threw its rider. e. Her interpretation of the text seems insightful.		
5.	Locate the primary stress in the given words. (5x2=10)	2	2
	a. photographic b. categorisation c. economy d. spectacular e. utilitarian		

Q. No.	SECTION C	CO	KL
6.	Transcribe the following words using IPA symbols. (5x2=10)	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Life seems to be falling apart. b. We have finally submitted the dissertation. c. I can't believe you've done that. d. It's time to celebrate the future. e. Let me know when you're ready. 		
7.	Give a morphemic analysis for the following words. (10x1=10)	3	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. unbelievable b. cut c. strengthen d. misrepresentation e. preconditioning f. nostalgic g. bookshelf h. irreversibility i. unlearning j. fragmentation 		
Q. No.	SECTION D	CO	KL
8.	Attempt an IC analysis of the following sentences. (10x1=10)	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. My cousin spent the holiday in Seychelles. b. The company has been looking for a good business deal. c. The little kids played in the garden. d. She believes Ferdinand is innocent. e. M.S. Dhoni hits a fabulous six. f. <i>Malgudi Days</i> portrays simple village life. g. I hope the war ends soon. h. It has been raining since last week. i. The boy was riding his bicycle. j. Princess Diana inspired many people worldwide. 		
9.	Disambiguate the following sentences. (5x1=5)	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Police help dog bite victim. b. We watched her duck under the table. c. Sarah fed her dog biscuits. d. Visiting mother-in-law can be difficult. e. The old students and teachers protested. 		
Q. No.	SECTION E	CO	KL
	Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each. (2x15=30)	5	5
10.	Evaluate the significance of the relationship between signifier and signified in Saussure's theory within the framework of modern semiotics, using examples.		
11.	Discuss how neurolinguistics explains language processing in the brain, focusing on language areas, language errors, and aphasia. Provide relevant examples.		
12.	Examine the major semantic relationships in language, including synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy, homophony, homonymy, and polysemy, and discuss how they contribute to meaning. Provide relevant examples.		