STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086 (For candidates admitted from the academic year 2008– 09)

SUBJECT CODE: PR/PC/PG44

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2010 PUBLIC RELATIONS FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR - CORE

PAPER: PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR AND IN THE GOVERNMENT

SECTOR

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION - A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 50 WORDS: $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. Explain the vastness of governmental PR with suitable case studies.
- 2. Examine if 'PR is an attitude of mind'.
- 3. Explain the mandate of I & PR Department of Tamil Nadu Government.
- 4. Analyze the importance of feedback mechanisms from the community, giving two examples.
- 5. Name any four factors that can enhance the effectiveness of governmental communication.
- 6. Define the key elements of the citizen's charter of a Government Department?
- 7. Suggest with justification, any four modern internal communication tools for a Central Ministry like MHRD.
- 8. Is 'Public Relations' a method of propaganda by the government? Examine.
- 9. How will you communicate and convince the public on volatile issues like frequent fluctuation in the administered prices of petroleum products?
- 10. Outline the utility of grass-root level government machinery in educating the people on civic issues.

SECTION - B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 250 WORDS: $(5 \times 8 = 40)$

- 11. Illustrate the responsibility of print and electronic media in disseminating the policies of Government of India?
- 12. Sketch the pros and cons of the protest groups' PR campaign on Bt Brinjal and the government's response to it.

- 13. Assess and authenticate the achievements and shortcomings of the 3rd annual mega 'Chennai Science Festival-2010' organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu at Science City during February 3-7, 2010.
- 14. Discuss the concept of 'Community Radio' being promoted by Union Government. Augment your arguments taking any one operating station in Chennai, as case study.
- 15. If you are a PR consultant, what will be your expert advice to the State and Central Governments when a major infrastructure project like green field airport is to be constructed near Chennai.
- 16. Elucidate any two outreach programmes of Tamil Nadu Government, with facts and figures.
- 17. Bring out the unique PR challenges to the 'Chennai Metro Rail Project' and the innovative solutions proposed by the State Government.
- 18. Describe the high level of integrity and competency requirements of a PRO in the Defense Department who has to maintain transparency in communication, without compromising the security interests of the country.

SECTION - C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN NOT LESS THAN 1000 WORDS:

 $(2 \times 20 = 40)$

- 19. 'National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is a success or disappointment' Substantiate your view points with illustrations.
- 20. Critically evaluate the PR strategies adopted by Governments of India and Andhra Pradesh on the Telangana issue.
- 21. PR professionals of Government Departments play a decisive role during 'fire-fighting PR exercises'. Justify with typical examples.
- 22. Comment on the PR management by the Indian Government within the country and abroad, of the global summit on climate change recently held at Copenhagen.
