

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011–2012 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/PC/BL14

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : BRITISH LITERATURE - I
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

I. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 300 words each:
(4x10=40)

1. Comment on Dryden as a literary critic with reference to his *Preface to the Fables*.
2. Critically analyse Spenser's sonnets. Use the sonnets prescribed for study to support your answer.
3. Attempt an analysis of Satan's final speech to Eve in *Paradise Lost* Book IX.
4. Comment on the aptness of the title of John Donne's "The Canonisation."
5. What are the objects of Swift's satire in the land of the Houyhnhnms in *Gulliver's Travels*?
6. Discuss the significance of Pope's *Essay on Criticism*.

II. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in about 850 words each:
(3x20=60)

1. Discuss Donne as one of the greatest love poets in the English language.
Illustrate your answer from the prescribed poems.
2. Analyse *The Duchess of Malfi* as Revenge Tragedy.
3. Identify the features of an epic, using *Paradise Lost* Book IX as a reference point.
4. How does Marlowe win the reader's sympathy for Edward II?
5. Discuss Swift's use of satire in *Gulliver's Travels*.
