

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011 – 12 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/PC/WW14

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

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : WOMEN'S WRITING
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

I. Answer any five of the following choosing at least two from each section:
(5x20=100 marks)

SECTION A

1. Do you agree that to be black and female calls for a different perspective on feminism?
2. What are the real causes behind the tragedy in the lives of the abducted women?
3. Discuss Virginia Woolf's contribution to the feminist cause. Answer with reference to *A Room of One's Own*.
4. Do you agree with Adrienne Rich's thoughts on anti-feminism as a strategy in the feminist struggle?
5. Comment on the social and political impact of Simone de Beauvoir's observations on woman as the other or second sex.

SECTION B

6. Discuss *Like Water for Chocolate* as a feminist text.
7. Comment on issues of identity in the life of Tita.
8. Discuss how *Mother of 1084* can be read as a discussion on middle class values.
9. Do you agree with the view than that *Sunlight On A Broken Column* is a celebration of female life?
10. Discuss the theme of double discrimination in the poetry of Maya Angelou.
