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

SUBJECT CODE: EL/PC/PC44

## M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2011 BRANCH VII – ENGLISH FOURTH SEMESTER

**COURSE : CORE** 

PAPER : POST COLONIAL LITERATURE

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

### **SECTION - A**

## I Write short notes on any FOUR of the following in about 300 words each: (4x10=40)

- 1. Discuss Achebe's valorization of the social role of the African writer in *The Novelist as Teacher*.
- 2. Discuss the interplay between the naïve and mature observers in Alice Munro's short story 'Miles City, Montana'.
- 3. Comment on the rehabilitation of Ruth in Margaret Laurence's short story 'The Rain Child'.
- 4. Explore Judith Wright's portrayal of time and change in the poem 'Train Journey'.
- 5. Analyse Mudrooroo Narogin's poem 'They Give Jacky Rights' as anti-colonial critique.
- 6. Attempt an analysis of Derek Walcott's 'Ruins of a Great House'.

### SECTION - B

## II Attempt any THREE essays in about 1000 words each:

(3x20=60)

- 1. Discuss Nadine Gordimer's novel A World of Strangers as a novel of self-discovery.
- 2. Do you think Williamson's play *The Removalists* successfully undermines the myth of Aussie mateship? Substantiate your answer.
- 3. Comment on the redefinition of identities in Ondaatje's *The English Patient*.
- 4. Analyse the class struggle between the rich and the poor in Ngugi's *Devil on the Cross*.
- 5. Discuss Ama Ata Aidoo's use of oral literary techniques to reflect contemporary issues in *Anowa*.
- 6. How does Soyinka delineate the theme of the conflict of cultures and death in *Death* and *King's Horseman*.

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