

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

SUBJECT CODE: 11EL/MC/DR14

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2013
BRANCH XII – ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : DRAMA I
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

I. Read the following passages and answer the questions below: (2×20 = 40)

A. I SCHOLAR: Master Doctor Faustus, since our conference about fair ladies, which was the beautifullest in all the world, we have determined with ourselves that Helen of Greece was the admirablest lady that ever lived. Therefore Master doctor, if you will do us so much favour, as to let us see that peerless dame of Greece, whom all the world admires for Majesty, we should think ourselves much beholding un to you.

FAUSTUS: Gentlemen, For that I know your friendship is feignet,
and Faustus custom is not to de
The just requests of those that wish him well,
You shall behold that peerless dame of Greece,
No otherways for pomp and majesty,
Than when Sir Paris cross'd the seas with her,
and brought the spoils to rich Dardania
Be silent then, for danger is in words.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the conference about? (2 marks)
2. Who is the dame of Greece? (2 marks)
3. What does Faustus claim as his custom? (3 marks)
4. Who is Sir Paris? (3 marks)
5. Where is rich Dardania? (3 marks)
6. Why does Faustus say that 'danger is in words'? (5 marks)
7. What is the context of this conversation? (2 marks)

B. FAUSTUS: Of Wealth!

Why, the signory of Emden shall be mine!
When Mephostophilis shall stand by me,
What God can hurt me? Faustus, thou art safe;
Cast no more doubts, Mephostophilis, come,
And bring glad tidings from great Lucifer.
Is't not midnight? Come Mephostophilis!
Veni, veni Mephostophile
Enter Mephostophilis.
Now tell me, what saith Lucifer, thy Lord?

MEPHOSTOPHILIS: That I shall wait on Faustus while he lives,
So he will buy my service with his soul

FAUSTUS: Already Faustus hath hazarded that for

MEPHOSTOPHILIS: But now thou must bequeath it solemnly
And write a deed of gift with thine own blood,

For that security craves Lucifer

If thou deny it, I must back to hell.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the signory of Emden? (5 marks)
2. Who is Lucifer? (3 marks)
3. What is 'Veni Veni'? (2 marks)
4. Why does Faustus say 'What God can harm me'? (2 marks)
5. What is the deed of gift that Faustus has to write? (3 marks)
6. With what does Faustus buy the service of Mephostophilis? (2 marks)
7. What security does Lucifer crave? (3 marks)

II. Answer the following in about 750 words each:

(3 × 20 = 60)

- a. Comment on the theme of damnation in *Doctor Faustus*.
OR
- b. Analyse *Doctor Faustus* as an intense play dealing with Faustus' moral tragedy.
- c. Discuss the use of magic in *Doctor Faustus*.
OR
- d. Comment on the title *The Doll's House*.
- e. Analyse Nora's character in *The Doll's House*.
OR
- f. Discuss the complex web of relationships in *The Doll's House*.
