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 2014 BRANCH VII – ENGLISH FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR CORE

PAPER: BRITISH LITERATURE - I

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION- A

I. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 300 words each:

(4x10=40)

- 1. Discuss the status and treatment of women in *The Duchess of Malfi*.
- 2. Comment on Donne's use of metaphysical conceits.
- 3. Analyse the consequences of Eve's choices in *Paradise Lost Book IX*.
- 4. What are Spenser's major themes in the prescribed sonnets?
- 5. How does Dryden influence English style through his *Preface*?
- 6. Analyze the role of Mortimer the younger in Edward II.

SECTION-B

II. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in about 800 words each:

(3x20=60)

- 1. What according to Pope is the function of the critic?
- 2. Consider *The Duchess of Malfi* as a Revenge Tragedy.
- 3. Discuss Swift's misanthropy with reference to the first and last voyages in *Gulliver's Travels*.
- 4. Bring out the significance of the epic similes in Milton's *Paradise Lost Book IX*.
- 5. Critically analyze Satan's temptation of Eve.
