

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086**  
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2004–05 & thereafter)

**SUBJECT CODE: EN/FC/LT43**

**B. A. /B.Sc./B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2007**  
**FOURTH SEMESTER**

**COURSE : FOUNDATION ENGLISH**  
**PAPER : LEVEL TWO – ADVANCED - PAPER IV**  
**TIME : 2 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS : 50**

**I. Write two essays in about 250 words each: (2x10=20)**

1. According to you what is the central story in *To Kill A Mocking Bird* ?
2. Describe any one of these characters: Calpurnia, Boo Radley, Scout.
3. Based on *The Alchemist* write an essay on how the entire universe conspires together to realize something that your heart desires.
4. Describe the journey in *The Alchemist*.

**II Read the following newspaper report and write an interpretative essay on the 'Increasing number of accidents on Indian roads'. (1x10=10)**

Chennai 23 Oct 2007: Lakshmi, wife of Srinivasan was walking towards the temple to take part in the special prayers held there every Sunday. She was accompanied by her neighbours, Revathy and Maya. An empty mini tempo that swerved around the bend drove straight into the group of women killing Lakshmi on the spot. Her friends were seriously injured and were rushed to the hospital by residents of the area where they are battling for life. Soon after hitting the women, the tempo driver hit 20 year old Mohan who was riding a TVS 50 moped. He too sustained injuries and is critical.

The youth of the area pursued the tempo and managed to catch up with it. They found the driver, 25 year old Mani completely drunk. It was later discovered that he wasn't even supposed to be taking that route, but had lost all sense of direction due to his drunkenness.

The impact of the collision left the windscreen thoroughly damaged indicating the speed at which the tempo was travelling. The police conducted a preliminary investigation and Mani is cooling his heels in jail.

**III Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x5=5)**

Female Infanticide Deaths (FID) in Tamil Nadu, 1996-1999

Death Unit District	1996	1997	1998	1999
Dharmapuri	1081	1048	985	657
Krishnagiri	135	196	233	320
Dindigul	75	73	60	60
Erode	83	77	70	70
Madurai	138	125	79	79
Theni	402	281	231	231
Namakkal	25	107	136	136
Salem	781	1118	1223	1223
Thiruvanamalai	11	16	33	33
Thirupattur	142	139	142	142

**Questions:**

1. For the year 1997, identify the district that has the lowest and the highest number of female infant deaths.
2. In which year had Dindigul recorded the highest and in which year had Salem recorded the lowest number of female infant deaths?
3. Compare the figures for Madurai and Thiruvanamalai for 1996.
4. Identify the trend in Thirupattur over the four years.
5. Compare the figures for Krishnagiri and Theni in 1998 and 1999.

**IV Fill in suitable verb forms to complete the conditional clauses: (1x5=5)**

1. If they made me the President, I \_\_\_\_\_(change) a good many things.
2. If the weather is fine, I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) you this evening.
3. Unless you invite her in person, she \_\_\_\_\_(come) to the ceremony.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_(to be) a bird, I would fly.
5. Had I known of you problems, I \_\_\_\_\_(do) my bit to help you.

**V Change the following sentences to the passive or the active: (1x5=5)**

1. Tenzing and Hillary climbed Mount Everest for the first time in 1953.(change to passive)
2. We will inform the selected candidates in due course. (change to passive)
3. Sri Lanka was beaten by India. (change to active)
4. The elephant was named Apu by the trainers. (change to active)
5. The lawyer showed us the original documents. (change to passive)

**VI Execute the following changes: (1x5=5)**

1. The man is from Trichy. He arrived yesterday.  
Insert the relative clause “who arrived yesterday” to make a single sentence.
2. Sita works for a company. The company makes garments for export.  
Change the second sentence into a relative clause.
3. This is the story of a man who loses his memory in the middle of a crowd.  
Remove “who” in order to make two sentences.
4. Yesterday I met an old woman. She went to school with my grandmother.  
Rewrite in one sentence showing the link between the old woman and the grandmother.
5. I met a funny old man. His hair was a bright shade of red.  
Make a single sentence.



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