

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2007–08)

SUBJECT CODE : EN/FC/WR32

B.A./ B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2008
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE – GROUP C
PAPER : WRITING & READING SKILLS - II
TIME : 2 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 50

I. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10 x ½ = 5)

1. I'd like to go _____ a world tour.
2. The Minister wears a bullet-proof vest _____ his shirt.
3. John sat _____ the Chairman in the VIP enclosure.
4. They went _____ the baker's to buy a loaf of bread.
5. I saw a fighter plane rushing _____ the sky.
6. The telephone and the door-bell rang _____ the same time.
7. Her salary has increased _____ hundred pounds.
8. A river ran _____ the city dividing it _____ two halves.
9. The Finance Minister's speech _____ economic reforms was least impressive.

II. Choose the appropriate verb in the following sentences: (10 x ½ = 5)

1. Neither Yolly nor her classmates *were / was* at the writing center yesterday.
2. Peter as well as Paul *deserves / deserve* honour.
3. The cost of repairs *is / are* to be borne by the landlord.
4. Three tons of tin *cost / costs* 450 pounds.
5. The number of people who attended the Conference *was / were* much greater than we had expected.
6. The crew on board the ship *were / was* kidnapped for a ransom.
7. The cost of several commodities *have / has* risen in the recent past.
8. Neither Sharon nor her friends *were / was* seriously injured in the accident.
9. More than one party member *is / are* involved in cross-voting.
10. Fifteen feet *is / are* not too deep.

III. Fill in the blanks using the verb given in brackets in the appropriate form: (10x1=10)

1. We _____ (watch) the Sherlock Holmes serial when the lights _____ (go) out.
2. Jim Faxe _____ (become) an American millionaire through his books on jogging. Strangely enough, he _____ (die) at the age of 52, while he _____ (jog).
3. We _____ (cancel) the picnic if it _____ (rain).
4. Sarah _____ (go) abroad for a holiday.
5. At first I thought I _____ (do) the right thing, but I soon realized that I _____ (make) a serious mistake.

IV. Combine the following to form sentences with a relative clause: (5x1=5)

1. I often visit my sister at Glasgow. It is the largest city in Scotland.
2. Peter has a son. He showed me his photograph. He is an Inspector.
3. There was a strike at the car factory. It lasted ten days. It is now over.
4. Jenny works for a company. It manufactures leather goods.
5. My friend Agnes lives in London. She is a Professor.

V. Complete the following sentences using relative clauses: (5x1=5)

1. I recently went to a place
2. The woman
3. There are some words
4. I met a scholar
5. We stayed at a hotel

VI. Write three paragraphs on any one of the following: (1x10=10)

1. Indians at the Olympics in Beijing
2. Attack on Christians in Orissa and Karnataka
3. Youth involved in terror network

VII. Write a letter to your Head of Department requesting her to grant you permission to go on medical leave for a fortnight.

OR

Write a letter to a famous personality inviting him/her to judge the Inter-collegiate dance competition at college. (1x10=10)
