

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2009–10)

SUBJECT CODE: EL/PC/BL14

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2009
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : BRITISH LITERATURE - I
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

Section A

Answer any Four of the following in about 500 words: (4x10=40)

1. In what way does Spenser draw heavily on Petrarchan tradition and yet revise it as well?
2. How is Love celebrated in Donne's Good Morrow?
3. Describe the character of Satan in Milton's Paradise Lost IX.
4. What are the arguments of Pope in his Essay on Criticism?
5. What are the characteristics that make Blake a romantic poet?
6. Describe the character of King Edward in Marlowe's Edward II.

Section B

Answer any Three of the following in about 1000 words: (3x20=60)

- a. Describe the Style of Milton in Paradise Lost IX.

OR

Comment on the characteristics of Donne's love poetry with reference to the prescribed poems.

- b. How does Pope bring out his belief that the 'imitation of the ancients' is the ultimate standard for taste?

OR

Marlowe's Edward II is an exemplum of how the basest passions in a person lead to a tragic end. Discuss.

- c. Consider The Duchess of Malfi as a revenge play.

OR

How far is it true that Congreve's Way of the World is a satire on the idle-classes of that time?

- d. Narrate Gulliver's experiences with the Lilliputians and what are the implications.

OR

How does Bacon try to define Truth in his essay Of Truth?
