STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086 (For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008 – 09 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: EL/AC/LG14

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2010 BRANCH XII – ENGLISH FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : ALLIED - CORE

PAPER : INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

I Attempt a Phonemic transcription of the following words: (1x10=10)

include point month large brand

sunny child number came sheep

II Write Short Notes on any four of the following (4x5=20)

1. Arbitrariness

- 2. Vocal cords
- 3. Deep and Surface Structure
- 4. Hyponymy

III Identify the Basic Patterns of the following sentences: (5x2=10)

- 1. We elected her President of the association.
- 2. The Professor spoke very well.
- 3. Birds fly
- 4. Gum is made from gum tree
- 5. The Forbes Magazine has named Dhoni the richest cricketer in the world.

IV Write essays on the following in not more than 500 words. (4x15=60)

1. Give the characteristic features of human communication and distinguish them from animal communication.

OR

Explain the terms dialect, idiolect and register with suitable examples.

2. Classify the consonants of English and tabulate.

OR

Explain the two types of morphemes.

3. What are the merits and demerits of Traditional Grammar.

OR

What is IC analysis? Explain with an example. Explain its shortcomings.

4. Describe English Pure Vowels.

OR

Explain lexical relations with suitable examples.
