# STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 086 (For Candidates admitted during the academic year 2008 -09)

**SUBJECT CODE: FA/ME/NC54** 

# B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2010 BRANCH X – VISUAL ARTS FIFTH SEMESTER

**COURSE : MAJOR ELECTIVE** 

PAPER : ART OF NATIVE CULTURES

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

### SECTION - A

## **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

 $(4 \times 10 = 40)$ 

- 1. Describe the urban layout of prehistoric Çatal Hüyük?
- 2. Write a brief note on the Mayan ruler portraits with reference to Stele D portraying ruler 18-Rabbit.
- 3. Elaborate on the funerary mantles of Paracas.
- 4. Inka city planning reveals an intuitive understanding of the proper relation of architecture to site. Substantiate.
- 5. Dogon art of the Kongo predominately comprises strongly stylized carvings of figurines. Validate the statement with a relevant example.
- 6. Bark paintings became a mainstay of Aboriginal art in Australia. Elaborate with an example.

### SECTION - B

## ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

 $(3 \times 20 = 60)$ 

- 7. Bonampak has been called 'a pictorial encyclopaedia of a Mayan city'. Substantiate.
- 8. Illustrate with the aid of examples the stylistic development of bronze casting in Ife and Benin cultures.
- 9. Describe the following shrines and houses: Mbari house (Igbo), Mamy Wata shrine (Igbo), Togu-na (Men's house in Dogon).
- 10. The wood sculptures of Oceania are flamboyant. Substantiate with examples.