

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015–16)

SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/FC/EC43

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE

PAPER : ENGLISH CORE - IV

TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

I. Read the passages and answer the questions that follow.

2x15=30 marks

a. Jerusha's eyes longingly sought the door. Her head was in a whirl of excitement, and she wished only to escape from Mrs. Lippett's platitudes and think. She rose and took a tentative step backwards. Mrs. Lippett detained her with a gesture; it was an oratorical opportunity not to be slighted.

'I trust you are properly grateful for this very rare good fortune that has befallen you? Not many girls in your position ever have such an opportunity to rise in the world. You must always remember---

'I---yes, ma'am, thank you. I think, if that's all, I must go and sew a patch on Freddie Perkins' trousers.'

The door closed behind her, and Mrs. Lippett watched it with dropped jaw, her peroration in mid-air.

1. Why was Jerusha excited? What was the news she had just received? 4 marks
2. What was the real reason for Jerusha leaving Mrs. Lippett's office? What was the reason she gave Mrs. Lippett? 4 marks
3. Why was Mrs. Lippett shocked? 3 marks
4. Make sentences with any four of the following words. 4 marks

excitement escape grateful sew opportunity remember

b. TROTTER: I've got exactly what I wanted.

MOLLIE: You know who the murderer is?

TROTTER: Yes, I know.

MOLLIE: Which of them?

TROTTER: You ought to know Mrs. Ralston.

MOLLIE: I?

TROTTER: Yes, you've been extraordinarily foolish, you know. You've run a very good chance of being killed by holding out on me. As a result, you've been in serious danger more than once.

MOLLIE: I don't know what you mean.

TROTTER: (Moving slowly above the sofa table to Right of the sofa; still quite natural and friendly) Come now, Mrs. Ralston. We policemen aren't quite so dumb as you think. All along I've realised that you had first-hand knowledge of the Longridge Farm Affair. You know Mrs. Boyle was the magistrate concerned. Why didn't you speak up and say so?

MOLLIE: (Very much affected) I don't understand. I wanted to forget---forget.

TROTTER: Your maiden name was Waring?

MOLLIE: Yes.

TROTTER: Ms. Waring. You taught school – in the school where those children went.

MOLLIE: Yes.

TROTTER: Its true isn't it that Jimmy the child who died managed to get a letter posted to you? The letter begged for help ---help from the kind young teacher. You never answered that letter.

MOLLIE: I couldn't. I never got it.

TROTTER: You just ---didn't bother.

MOLLIE: That's not true. I was ill. I went down with pneumonia that very day. The letter was put aside with the others. It was weeks afterwards that I found it with a lot of other letters. And by that time that poor child was dead... (Her eyes close) Dead-dead... Waiting for me to do something-hoping -gradually losing hope... Oh it's haunted me ever since...

1. How does Trotter know that Mollie has first-hand knowledge of the Longridge Farm Affair? 4 marks
2. What is Mollie trying to forget? Give reasons. 4 marks
3. Why didn't Mollie answer the letter? 3 marks
4. Make sentences with any four of the following words 4 marks

exactly foolish begged help concerned forget

II. Answer any one of the following in about 200 words.

1x10=10 marks

1. Why do you think the play is called *The Mousetrap*? Do you think it is an appropriate title?
2. What do you think of Jerusha's style of letter writing?
3. Does Jerusha enjoy her life in college? Explain.
4. Describe Christopher Wren in your own words.

III. Fill in the blanks choosing from the words provided below.

10 marks

dreadful sure loving bother interesting
miserable alone promise real safe

Now that I'm ----- that you read my letters, I'll make them much more----- , so they'll be worth keeping in a ----- with red tape around them, only please take out that ----- one and burn it up. I'd hate to think that you ever read it over.

Thank you for making a very sick, cross, ----- Freshman cheerful. Probably you have lots of ----- family and friends, and you don't know what it feels like to be----- . But I do.

Goodbye. I ----- never to be horrid again, because now I know you're a ----- person; also I'll promise never to ----- you with any more questions.

SECTION B

IV. Write a dialogue of at least ten exchanges based on any one of the following situations. 15 marks

1. Between Jerusha and Daddy-Long-Legs when they meet for the first time.
2. Between Trotter and his sister Katherine when they meet at Monkswell Manor.

V a. Write a letter of application in response to the following advertisement that appeared in The Hindu on 2 April 2017. 1x10=10 marks

Wanted motivated freshers to join the *Teach for Chennai* campaign conducted by SMC. You must be passionate about teaching school children. Students with any form of prior teaching experience will be preferred. Knowledge of English and Tamil is mandatory.

V b. Write a letter of complaint based on the situation given below. 1x10=10 marks

You bought a box of Gladbury's assorted chocolates as a gift for your mother on her birthday from Farida Stores on 30 March 2017. When your mother opened the gift box the chocolates had a layer of fungus on them. They also smelt bad.

SECTION C

V. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words. 1x15=15 marks

1. Conservation of Endangered Species
2. Peace-Building Initiatives and the Role of Students
3. Unity in Plurality
