

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2017 – 2018)

SUBJECT CODE: 17EL/PE/LP34

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017
BRANCH VII – ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR ELECTIVE
PAPER : LITERATURE AND SPIRITUALITY
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 1000 words each: (4x25=100)

1. Discuss the concept of liberation according to the Buddhist tradition.
2. Comment on “Story Water” and “The Worm’s Waking” as typical expressions of the mystical poetry of the Sufis.
3. Write an essay on the interface between gender and spirituality using the poems prescribed as a frame of reference.
4. Discuss the “Psalm 23” as a revelatory utterance of evolved souls.
5. “Denise Levertov’s “The Goddess” effectively traces the stages of spiritual awakening.” Comment.
6. Explore the relationship between mysticism and poetry giving examples from the texts prescribed for study.
