

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086  
END SEMESTER EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2018  
INDEPENDENT ELECTIVE

CODE: 15EL/UI/CM23

DURATION: 3 HOURS

PAPER: THE NOVEL OF COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE MAX MARKS: 100

Answer any four of the following in about 1000 words each. (4X25=100)

1. In what ways do the men in *A Suitable Boy* represent different aspects of love and masculinity? Answer with reference to Lata's three suitors, Kabir, Amit and Haresh.
2. How much of a choice do you think the women in *A Suitable Boy* have in deciding their life partners?
3. How do the characters in the *A Suitable Boy* negotiate the delicate line that separates tradition / convention from modernity?
4. Critically comment on the narrative technique in *A Suitable Boy*.
5. What criteria do the 'match-makers' use to assess potential prospects for the eligible brides in *A Suitable Boy*?
6. Write an essay on the relationship between personal events and political history in *A Suitable Boy* particularly with respect to the impact that political events have in the romantic and/or marital lives of the characters.