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

SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/MC/AC65

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019 BRANCH XII – ENGLISH SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR - CORE

PAPER : AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN LITERATURES

TIME : 3 HOURS MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 350 words each:

(4x10=40)

- 1. How does Brathwaite convey the psychological burden of slavery that his people carry through the poem, "Limbo"?
- 2. How does Senghor use the imagery of an African woman as a foil to express his pride and Negritude?
- 3. Explore the depiction of indentured labour in Dabydeen's "The Country House".
- 4. How does Ama Ata Aidoo problematise the relationship between individual will and tradition in *Anowa?*
- 5. Describe Rubadrai's portrayal of the white man in "Stanley Meets Mutesa".
- 6. Consider the rhetoric of apartheid latent in Dennis Brutus' "If this Life is All We Have".

SECTION B

II. Answer any three of the following in about 800 words each:

(3x20=60)

- 1. Compare and contrast Akunna's immigrant experiences and her idea of the American Dream.
- 2. Discuss Achebe's portrayal of Umofia and tribal customs in *Things Fall Apart*.
- 3. Consider Ahdaf Soueif's *Cairo* as both an intensely personal narrative and a record of the Egyptian Revolution.
- 4. How and why does Rhys delineate the racial tensions of 19th century Jamaica?
- 5. Comment on Walcott's reclamation of his identity through the coloniser's text.
- 6. What according to you is Lakunle's approach to westernisation? Does he exploit it for his people's development or does he make them subjects of the colonisers' vision?
