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

SUBJECT CODE: 15EL/PI/PF34

## MASTERS DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019 SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE: INDEPENDENT ELECTIVE

PAPER: POPULAR FICTION

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

## I. Answer four out of six questions in about 1000 words.

 $(25 \times 4 = 100 \text{ marks})$ 

- 1. How does Eleanor Oliphant view herself? Is there any change in the way she perceives herself as the story progresses?
- 2. What is the significance of the title *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*?
- 3. How does *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* deal with mental health issues? What role does Raymond play in the changes Eleanor goes through?
- 4. Of the two texts you have chosen, pick one to assess as a work of popular fiction. What makes the text popular in the contemporary world?
- 5. Comment on the nature of the relationship between Elio and Oliver. Why do you think a novel such as *Call Me By Your Name*, that is set in the 1980s, would be relatable to a reader in 2019?
- 6. How does the author make the setting of Call Me By Your Name come alive?

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