

Department of English, Gauhati University

Structure of B. A. Programme and B.A. Honours in English under CBCS

Outline of Choice Based Credit System:

1. **Core Course:** A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course.

2. **Elective Course:** Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/ subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/subject/domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency/skill is called an Elective Course.

2.1 **Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course:** Elective courses which may be offered by the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. The University/Institute may also offer discipline related Elective courses of interdisciplinary nature (to be offered by main discipline/subject of study).

2.2 **Dissertation/Project:** An elective course designed to acquire special/advanced knowledge, such as supplement study/support study to a project work, and a candidate studying such a course on his own with an advisory support by a teacher/faculty member is called dissertation/project.

2.3 **Generic Elective (GE) Course:** An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective.

P.S.: A core course offered in a discipline/subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline/subject and vice versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective.

3. **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC):** The Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses may be of two kinds: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC). "AECC" courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement; i. Environmental Science and ii. English/MIL Communication. These are mandatory for all disciplines. SEC courses are value-based and/or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills, etc.

3.1 Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC): Environmental Science, English Communication/MIL Communication.

3.2 Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC): These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based knowledge.

Details of courses under B.A. English (Honours)

Course	Credits Theory + Tutorial
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<u>I. Core Course</u> (14 Papers)	14X5=70
Core Course Tutorials (14 Papers)	14X1=14
<u>II. Elective Courses</u> (8 Papers)	
A.1. Discipline Specific Elective (4 Papers)	4X5=20
A.2. Discipline Specific Elective Tutorials (4 Papers)	4X1=4
B.1. Generic Elective/Interdisciplinary (4 Papers)	4X5=20
B.2. Generic Elective Tutorials (4 Papers)	4X1=4
<u>III. Ability Enhancement Courses</u>	
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) (2 Papers of 4 credits each) Environmental Science English Communication/MIL	2 X 4=8
2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (2 Papers of 4 credits each)	2 X 4=8
	Total credits= 148

SCHEME FOR CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM IN B.A. Honours

SEMESTER	CORE COURSE (14)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) (2)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) (2)	Elective: Discipline Specific (DSE) (4)	Elective: Generic (GE) (4)
I	C 1	(English/ MIL Communication)/			GE 1
	C 2	Environmental Science			
II	C 3	Environmental Science/			GE 2
	C 4	(English/ MIL Communication)			
III	C 5		SEC 1		GE 3
	C 6				
	C 7				
IV	C 8		SEC 2		GE 4
	C 9				
	C 10				
V	C 11			DSE 1	
	C 12			DSE 2	

VI	C 13			DSE 3	
	C 14			DSE 4	

Details of Courses Under Undergraduate Programme (B.A.)

Course	*Credits
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<u>I. Core Course</u>	Paper + Tutorial
(12 Papers)	12X5=60
Two papers – English	
Two papers – AltE/MIL	
Four papers – Discipline 1.	
Four papers – Discipline 2.	
Core Course Tutorial*	12X1=12
(12 Tutorials)	
<u>II. Elective Course</u>	6X5=30
(6 Papers)	
Two papers- Discipline 1 specific	
Two papers- Discipline 2 specific	
Two papers- Inter disciplinary	
Two papers from each discipline of choice and two papers of interdisciplinary nature.	
Elective Course Tutorials*	6X1=6
(6 Tutorials*)	
Two papers- Discipline 1 specific	
Two papers- Discipline 2 specific	
Two papers- Generic (Interdisciplinary) Two papers from each discipline of choice including papers of interdisciplinary nature.	
<u>III. Ability Enhancement Courses</u>	
1. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) 2 X 8=8	
(2 Papers of 4 credits each)	

**Environmental Science English
Communication/MIL**

**2. Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)
(4 Papers of 4 credits each)**

4 X 4=16

Total credits= 132

SCHEME FOR CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM IN B.A./B.Com

SEMESTER	CORE COURSE (12)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) (2)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) (4)	Elective: Discipline Specific (DSE) (4)	Elective: Generic (GE) (2)
I	English 1	(English/MIL Communication)/			
	DSC 1A				
	DSC 2A	Environmental Science			
II	English 2	(English/MIL Communication)/			
	DSC 1B				
	DSC 2B	Environmental Science			
III	Alt English 1/MIL 1		SEC 1		
	DSC 1C				
	DSC 2C				
IV	Alt English 2/MIL 2		SEC 2		

	DSC 1D				
	DSC 2D				
V			SEC 3	DSE 1 A DSE 2 A	GE 1
VI			SEC 4	DSE 1 B DSE 2 B	GE 2

Structure of B.A. Honours in English under CBCS

Discipline Specific Core (Compulsory)

Semester I

- ENG-HC-1016 Indian Classical Literature
- ENG-HC-1026 European Classical Literature

Semester II

- ENG-HC-2016 Indian Writing in English
- ENG-HC-2026 British Poetry and Drama: 14th to 17th Centuries

Semester III

- ENG-HC-3016 History of English Literature and Forms
- ENG-HC-3026 American Literature
- ENG-HC-3036 British Poetry and Drama: 17th and 18th Centuries

Semester IV

- ENG-HC-4016 British Literature: The 18th Century
- ENG-HC-4026 British Romantic Literature
- ENG-HC-4036 British Literature: The 19th Century

Semester V

- ENG-HC-5016 British Literature: The 20th Century
- ENG-HC-5026 Women's Writing

Semester VI

- ENG-HC-6016 Modern European Drama
- ENG-HC-6026 Postcolonial Literatures

Discipline Specific Elective (Any four)

Semester V (Any Two)

- ENG-HE-5016 Popular Literature
- ENG-HE-5026 Modern Indian Writing in English Translation
- ENG-HE-5036 Literature of the Indian Diaspora
- ENG-HE-5046 Nineteenth-Century European Realism
- ENG-HE-5056 Literary Criticism and Literary Theory
- ENG-HE-5066 Science fiction and Detective Literature

Semester VI (Any Two)

- ENG-HE-6016 Literature and Cinema
- ENG-HE-6026 World Literatures
- ENG-HE-6036 Partition Literature
- ENG-HE-6046 Travel writing
- ENG-HE-6056 Life Writing
- ENG-HE-6066 Writings from North East India

Generic Elective (Any four)

Semester I (Any One)

- ENG-HG-1016 Academic Writing and Composition
- ENG-HG-1026 The Individual and Society

Semester II (Any One)

- ENG-HG-2016 Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment
- ENG-HG-2026 Modern Indian Literatures

Semester III (Any One)

- ENG-HG-3016 Language and Linguistics
- ENG-HG-3026 British Literature

Semester IV (Any One)

- ENG-HG-4016 Language, Literature and Culture
- ENG-HG-4026 Literary Cross Currents Selections from Living Literatures

Ability Enhancement Course (Two Compulsory Papers)

Paper Titles (To be prepared by the concerned departments)

- ENG-AE-1014 English Communication (MIL to have a different code)
- Environmental Studies

Skill Enhancement Course (Any two)

Semester III

- ENG-SE-3014 Creative Writing

Semester IV

- ENG-SE-4014 Translation: Principles and Practice

Detailed Syllabi

I. B. A. Honours English under CBCS

Discipline Specific Core (Compulsory)

Semester I

Paper 1: ENG-HC-1016 Indian Classical Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper introduces students to a selection of literatures of India in English translation. Given that Indian Classical Literature offers a rich and diverse canvas that

spans across genres like drama, poetry, the epic narrative as well as short fictional fables, to name a few, it is essential that students studying English literature are familiar with at least a few of these. This paper encourages students to think laterally about literatures of the world, and the possibility of cultural exchange.

Texts:

- Kalidasa: *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*, tr. Chandra Rajan, in *Kalidasa: The Loom of Time* (New Delhi: Penguin, 1989).
- Vyasa: 'The Dicing' and 'The Sequel to Dicing, 'The Book of the Assembly Hall', 'The Temptation of Karna', Book V 'The Book of Effort', in *The Mahabharata*: tr. and ed. J.A.B. van Buitenen (Chicago: Brill, 1975) pp. 106–69.
- Sudraka: *Mrcchakatika*, tr. M.M. Ramachandra Kale (New Delhi: Motilal Banarasadass, 1962).
- Ilango Adigal: 'The Book of Banci', in *Cilappatikaram: The Tale of an Anklet*, tr. R. Parthasarathy (Delhi: Penguin, 2004) book 3.

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Indian Epic Tradition: Themes and Recensions
- Classical Indian Drama: Theory and Practice
- *Alankara* and *Rasa*
- *Dharma* and the Heroic

Readings

- Bharata, *Natyashastra*, tr. Manomohan Ghosh, vol. I, 2nd edn (Calcutta: Granthalaya, 1967) chap. 6: 'Sentiments', pp. 100–18.
- Iravati Karve, 'Draupadi', in *Yuganta: The End of an Epoch* (Hyderabad: Disha, 1991) pp. 79–105.
- J.A.B. Van Buitenen, 'Dharma and Moksa', in Roy W. Perrett, ed., *Indian Philosophy, vol. V, Theory of Value: A Collection of Readings* (New York: Garland, 2000) pp. 33–40.
- Vinay Dharwadkar, 'Orientalism and the Study of Indian Literature', in *Orientalism and the Postcolonial Predicament: Perspectives on South Asia*, ed. Carol A. Breckenridge and Peter van der Veer (New Delhi: OUP, 1994) pp. 158–95.

Paper 2: ENG-HC-1026 European Classical Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Classical writing in Europe saw the emergence of traditions that cut across many genres, which included poetry, theatre, and general discourses. While the Aristotelian focus on the examination of the essentials of poetry extended to incorporate discussions on epic and drama, subsequent writers such as Horace drew attention to the purposefulness of the creative exercise. In the theatre the widely divergent compositions by Sophocles and Plautus respectively show the consolidation of a rich cultural discourse. It is this enriching literary tradition that this paper seeks to familiarize with through the study of representative texts belonging to the Classical Period.

Texts:

- Homer: *The Odyssey*, tr. E.V. Rieu (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1985) Book I
- Sophocles: *Oedipus the King*, tr. Robert Fagles in *Sophocles: The Three Theban Plays* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1984).
- Plautus: *Pot of Gold*, tr. E.F. Watling (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1965).
- Ovid: *Selections from Metamorphoses* 'Bacchus', (Book III), 'Pyramus and Thisbe' (Book IV), 'Philomela' (Book VI), tr. Mary M. Innes (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1975). Horace: Satires I: 4, in *Horace: Satires and Epistles and Persius: Satires*, tr. Niall Rudd (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2005).

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Epic
- Comedy and Tragedy in Classical Drama
- The Athenian City State
- Catharsis and Mimesis
- Satire
- Literary Cultures in Augustan Rome

Readings

- Aristotle, *Poetics*, translated with an introduction and notes by Malcolm Heath, (London: Penguin, 1996) chaps. 6–17, 23, 24, and 26.
- Plato, *The Republic*, Book X, tr. Desmond Lee (London: Penguin, 2007).
- Horace, *Ars Poetica*, tr. H. Rushton Fairclough, *Horace: Satires, Epistles and Ars Poetica* (Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2005) pp. 451–73.

Semester II

Paper 3: ENG-HC-2016 Indian Writing in English

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper on Indian Writing in English introduces students to the historical development of this body of writing- the challenges faced by early writers, the growing sense of accomplishment in the writing of different forms and the interpretation of individual and collective experience in colonial and postcolonial India. The paper is divided into three units, each dealing with a specific literary form. Questions will be mostly textual but with some reference to the contexts in which individual writers have produced their works.

Course Objectives:

- Introduce students to the field of Indian Writing in English
- Give a historical overview of the development of various literary forms
- Understand how each author creatively uses his or her chosen literary form

Course Outcomes:

- Develop familiarity with the issues of politics of language and gender, nationalism and modernity pertaining to pre and post-Independence India that have been responsible for the emergence of Indian English literature
- Understand the place of English Writing in India in the larger field of English Literature
- Learn to discuss critically the use of literary forms of the novel, poetry and drama by Indian English writers in distinctive ways against Indian historical and cultural contexts

Texts:

- H.L.V. Derozio: 'Freedom to the Slave'; 'The Orphan Girl'
- Kamala Das: 'Introduction'; 'My Grandmother's House'
- Nissim Ezekiel: 'Enterprise'; 'Night of the Scorpion', 'Very Indian Poem in English'
- Robin S. Ngangom: 'The Strange Affair of Robin S. Ngangom'; 'A Poem for Mother'
- Mulk Raj Anand: 'Two Lady Rams'
- R.K. Narayan: *Swami and Friends* Salman Rushdie: 'The Free Radio'
- Anita Desai: *In Custody*
- Shashi Deshpande: 'The Intrusion'
- Manjula Padmanabhan: *Lights Out*
- Mahesh Dattani: *Tara*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Indian English
- Indian English Literature and its Readership
- Themes and Contexts of the Indian English Novel
- The Aesthetics of Indian English Poetry and Drama
- Modernism in Indian English Literature

Readings

- Raja Rao, Foreword to *Kanthapura* (New Delhi: OUP, 1989) pp. v-vi.

- Salman Rushdie, 'Commonwealth Literature does not exist', in *Imaginary Homelands* (London: Granta Books, 1991) pp. 61–70.
- Meenakshi Mukherjee, 'Divided by a Common Language', in *The Perishable Empire* (New Delhi: OUP, 2000) pp.187–203.
- Bruce King, 'Introduction', in *Modern Indian Poetry in English* (New Delhi: OUP, 2nd edn, 2005) pp. 1–10.

Paper 4: ENG-HC-2026 British Poetry and Drama: 14th to 17th Centuries

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper aims to familiarize the students with the two major forms in British literature from the 14th to the 17th centuries – poetry and drama, apart from acquainting them with the contexts that generated such literatures. The larger contexts of the Renaissance, the nature of the Elizabethan Age and its predilections for certain kinds of literary activities, and the implications of the emergence of new trends will be focused in this paper. It will also highlight the seminal issues and preoccupations of the writers and their ages as reflected in these texts.

Texts:

- Geoffrey Chaucer: *The Wife of Bath's Prologue*
- Edmund Spenser: Selections from *Amoretti*: Sonnet LXVII 'Like as a huntsman...'; Sonnet LVII 'Sweet warrior...'; Sonnet LXXV 'One day I wrote her name...'
- John Donne: 'The Sunne Rising'; 'Batter My Heart'; 'Valediction: Forbidding Mourning'
- Christopher Marlowe: *Doctor Faustus*
- William Shakespeare: *Macbeth*
- William Shakespeare: *Twelfth Night*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations and Assignments

Topics

- Renaissance Humanism
- The Stage, Court and City
- Religious and Political Thought
- Ideas of Love and Marriage
- The Writer in Society

Background Prose Readings

- Pico Della Mirandola, excerpts from the *Oration on the Dignity of Man*, in *The Portable Renaissance Reader*, ed. James Bruce Ross and Mary Martin McLaughlin (New York: Penguin Books, 1953) pp. 476–9.

- John Calvin, 'Predestination and Free Will', in *The Portable Renaissance Reader*, ed. James Bruce Ross and Mary Martin McLaughlin (New York: Penguin Books, 1953) pp. 704–11.
- Baldassare Castiglione, 'Longing for Beauty' and 'Invocation of Love', in Book 4 of *The Courtier*, 'Love and Beauty', tr. George Bull (Harmondsworth: Penguin, rpt.1983) pp. 324–8, 330–5.
- Philip Sidney, *An Apology for Poetry*, ed. Forrest G. Robinson (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1970) pp. 13–18.

Semester III

Paper 6: ENG-HC-3016 History of English Literature and Forms

Credits: 5 (Theory) +1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper introduces students to the History of English Literature and the major literary forms. It adopts a chronological approach to the study of poetry, drama, fiction and non-fictional prose, showing the development of each form as it moves through the various periods of English literature and its expansion into global English writing. While authors have been named in some instances as representative of forms and periods, in other cases, especially in the 20th and 21st centuries, the expansion of the field has meant that individual authors are too numerous to name. Hence certain directions and areas of study have been indicated.

Questions in this paper should be linked to the manner in which the different Units have been structured with focus on forms and periods and the authors named used as examples. The sections on 20th and 21st century developments are too complex and widespread to have individual authors named – this may be read and evaluated in terms of a general picture and authors of choice.

Objectives: To prepare the ground for the detailed study of the literature featured in subsequent papers and give a strong historical sense of literary development.

Outcomes:

- Acquire a sense of the historical development of each literary form.
- Gain understanding of the contexts in which literary forms and individual texts emerge.
- Learn to analyze texts as representative of broad generic explorations.

Unit 1: Poetry from Chaucer to the Present:

- Chaucer and narrative poetry
- Spenser, Shakespeare, Milton (sonnet, sonnet sequences and the epic poem)
- John Donne and metaphysical poetry
- Dryden, Pope and the heroic couplet
- Romantic Poetry (lyric, sonnet, ode, pastoral, blank verse)
- Tennyson, Browning, Hopkins (from Victorian to Modern)
- Modern and postmodern Poetry and its international associations
- Walcott, Ramanujan and Postcolonial poetry

Unit 2: Drama from Everyman to the Present

- Miracles, Moralities and Interludes
- Marlowe and the University Wits
- Elizabethan Stage, Shakespeare and Jonson
- Jacobean Drama, Webster
- Restoration, Wycherley and Congreve
- Goldsmith, Sheridan and the sentimental drama
- The Irish drama
- Modern and postmodern Drama (England, Europe, America)
- Postcolonial drama (India, Africa, West Indies)

Unit 3: Fiction

- Narrative precursors
- The Eighteenth century novel (Defoe, Richardson, Fielding, Sterne)
- The Gothic novel (Walpole, Beckford, Radcliffe)
- Walter Scott and the historical novel
- The nineteenth century women novelists
- The Victorian novel (Dickens, Thackeray, Hardy)
- Modernism and the novel (Conrad, Lawrence, Virginia Woolf, James Joyce)
- Postmodernism and the Novel (England and America)
- Postcolonialism and the novel (South Asia and Africa)

Unit 4: Non Fictional Prose (Life Writing, Essays, Philosophical and Historical Prose, Satire)

- 16th century prose (John Foxe, Hooker, Hakluyt, Burton, Bacon)
- 17th and 18th century prose
 - Thomas Browne, Jeremy Taylor, Milton, Izaak Walton, Dryden)
 - Hobbes, Locke and Swift
 - Addison and Steele (the rise of the periodicals)
 - Berkeley, Hume, Gibbon
 - Johnson, Boswell, Burke
- 19th Century Prose (Essays, Criticism, Scientific Prose, Life Writing)
 - Lamb, Hazlitt, de Quincey,
 - Wollstonecraft, Godwin
 - Coleridge, Wordsworth,
 - Darwin
 - Carlyle, Ruskin, Pater, Arnold
 - Lytton Strachey
- 20th and 21st century prose
 - Literary Criticism and Theory
 - Nationalist movements and polemical writing
 - Letters, Autobiographies, Biographies
 - Travel writing
 - Journalistic prose (editorials, op-ed pieces, reports)

Recommended Books:

- B. Ifor Evans: *A Short History of English Literature* (available for purchase and on the internet archive)
- Andrew Sanders: *The Short Oxford History of English Literature* (1994)
- John Peck and Martin Coyle: *A Brief History of English Literature* (2002)

- Dinah Birch (Editor): *The Oxford Companion to English Literature* (7th edition, 2009)
- *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* (All volumes - for library)(10th edition, 2018)

Paper 5: ENG-HC-3026 American Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper seeks to acquaint the students with the main currents of American literature in its social and cultural contexts. The texts incorporated in the paper are a historical reflection of the growth of American society and of the way the literary imagination has grappled with such growth and change. A study of the paper, hence, should lead to an acquaintance with the American society in its evolutionary stages from the beginnings of modernism to the present as well as with exciting generic innovations and developments that have tried to keep pace with social changes.

Texts:

- Tennessee Williams: *The Glass Menagerie*
- Mark Twain: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- Edgar Allan Poe: 'The Purloined Letter'
- F. Scott Fitzgerald: 'The Crack-up'
- Anne Bradstreet: 'The Prologue'
- Emily Dickinson: 'A Bird Came Down the Walk'; 'Because I Could not Stop for Death'
- Walt Whitman: Selections from *Leaves of Grass*: 'O Captain, My Captain'; 'Passage to India' (lines 1-68)
- Langston Hughes: 'I too'
- Robert Frost: 'Mending Wall'
- Sherman Alexie: 'Crow Testament'; 'Evolution'

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The American Dream
- Social Realism, Folklore and the American Novel
- American Drama as a Literary Form
- The Slave Narrative
- Questions of Form in American Poetry

Readings

- Hector St John Crevecoeur, 'What is an American', (Letter III) in *Letters from an American Farmer* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1982) pp. 66-105.
- Frederick Douglass, *A Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1982) chaps. 1-7, pp. 47-87.

- Henry David Thoreau, 'Battle of the Ants' excerpt from 'Brute Neighbours', in *Walden* (Oxford: OUP, 1997) chap. 12.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, 'Self Reliance', in *The Selected Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. with a biographical introduction by Brooks Atkinson (New York: The Modern Library, 1964).
- Toni Morrison, 'Romancing the Shadow', in *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and Literary Imagination* (London: Picador, 1993) pp. 29–39.

Paper 7: ENG-HC-3036 British Poetry and Drama: 17th and 18th Centuries

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper aims to familiarize the students with British literature in the 17th and 18th centuries, a time-period which sees the emergence and establishment of greatly diverse kinds of writings. The selected texts may encourage the students to look at the economic, political and social changes in (primarily) Britain during this period, such as the shifts from the Puritan Age to the Restoration and Neoclassical periods. The paper also seeks to familiarize the students with the larger contexts that generated such literatures as well as the possible impacts of the literature on society. The significance of the scientific revolution during this period may also be studied in relation to the literary productions.

Texts:

- John Milton: *Paradise Lost*: Book I
- John Webster: *The Duchess of Malfi*
- Aphra Behn: *The Rover*
- John Dryden: *Mac Flecknoe*
- Alexander Pope: *The Rape of the Lock*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Religious and Secular thought in the 17th Century
- The Stage, the State and the Market
- The Mock-epic and Satire
- Women in the 17th Century
- The Comedy of Manners

Readings

- The Holy Bible, *Genesis*, chaps. 1–4, *The Gospel according to St. Luke*, chaps. 1–7 and 22–4.
- Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, ed. and tr. Robert M. Adams (New York: Norton, 1992) chaps. 15, 16, 18, and 25.
- Thomas Hobbes, selections from *The Leviathan*, pt. I (New York: Norton, 2006) chaps. 8, 11, and 13.
- John Dryden, 'A Discourse Concerning the Origin and Progress of Satire', in *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, vol. 1, 9th edn, ed. Stephen Greenblatt (New York: Norton 2012) pp. 1767–8.

Semester IV

Paper 8: ENG-HC-4016 British Literature: The 18th Century

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper aims to familiarize the students with British literature in the 18th century. A very interesting age in which reason and rationality dominated, this age saw the publication of some of the best novels and works of non-fictional prose and poetry in the English language. Though it was not predominantly an age of drama yet one cannot but pay attention to the few plays of the century. Although the texts in the course are mostly by men it must be noted that quite a number of women writers were also part of the literary scene. The texts in the course are representative of the age and to some extent representative of the forms as well. The selected texts hope to give the students an overview of the age and the writings that the age produced.

Texts:

- Jonathan Swift: *Gulliver's Travels* (Books III and IV)
- Samuel Johnson: 'London'
- Thomas Gray: 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'
- Daniel Defoe: *Moll Flanders*
- Joseph Addison: "Pleasures of the Imagination", *The Spectator*, 411
- Oliver Goldsmith: *She Stoops to Conquer*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Enlightenment and Neoclassicism
- Restoration Comedy
- The Country and the City
- The Novel and the Periodical Press

Readings

- Jeremy Collier, *A Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English Stage* (London: Routledge, 1996).
- Daniel Defoe, 'The Complete English Tradesman' (Letter XXII), 'The Great Law of Subordination Considered' (Letter IV), and 'The Complete English Gentleman', in *Literature and Social Order in Eighteenth-Century England*, ed. Stephen Copley (London: Croom Helm, 1984).
- Samuel Johnson, 'Essay 156', in *The Rambler*, in *Selected Writings: Samuel Johnson*, ed. Peter Martin (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2009) pp. 194–7; *Rasselas* Chapter 10; 'Pope's Intellectual Character: Pope and Dryden Compared', from *The Life of Pope*, in *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, vol. 1, ed. Stephen Greenblatt, 8th edn (New York: Norton, 2006) pp. 2693–4, 2774–7.

Paper 9: ENG-HC-4026 British Romantic Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

The nineteenth century begins with the triumph of the Romantic imagination, expressing itself most memorably in the poetry of Blake, Burns, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Shelley, and Keats. The poetry of the age fashions itself partly in revolt to the spirit of the previous age, with very different ideas about the relationship between humans and nature and the role of the poet taking hold. This paper includes selections from works of major Romantic poets which address these issues, enabling students to appreciate the essence of the Romantic vision. In addition they will read that remarkable oddity, *Frankenstein*, a novel that also illuminates Romanticism from another angle.

Texts:

- William Blake: 'The Lamb', 'The Chimney Sweeper' (from *The Songs of Innocence and The Songs of Experience*); 'The Tyger' (*The Songs of Experience*); 'Introduction' to *The Songs of Innocence*
- Robert Burns: 'A Bard's Epitaph'; 'Scots Wha Hae'
- William Wordsworth: 'Tintern Abbey'; 'Upon Westminster Bridge'
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge: 'Kubla Khan'; 'Dejection: An Ode'
- Percy Bysshe Shelley: 'Ode to the West Wind'; 'Hymn to Intellectual Beauty'; *The Cenci*
- John Keats: 'Ode to a Nightingale'; 'To Autumn'; 'On First Looking into Chapman's Homer'
- Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Reason and Imagination

- Conceptions of Nature
- Literature and Revolution
- The Gothic
- The Romantic Lyric

Readings

- William Wordsworth, 'Preface to Lyrical Ballads', in *Romantic Prose and Poetry*, ed. Harold Bloom and Lionel Trilling (New York: OUP, 1973) pp. 594–611.
- John Keats, 'Letter to George and Thomas Keats, 21 December 1817', and 'Letter to Richard Woodhouse, 27 October, 1818', in *Romantic Prose and Poetry*, ed. Harold Bloom and Lionel Trilling (New York: OUP, 1973) pp. 766–68, 777–8.
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 'Preface' to *Emile or Education*, tr. Allan Bloom (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1991).
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *Biographia Literaria*, ed. George Watson (London: Everyman, 1993) chap. XIII, pp. 161–66.

Paper 10: ENG-HC-4036 British Literature: The 19th Century

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

The middle and later parts of the 19th century sees the novel coming into its own, although Jane Austen has already established the prestige of the novel form through her incisive explorations of the complexity of human motive and conduct, especially in their worldly affairs. The texts chosen will expose the students to the ground-breaking efforts of the poets as well to the works of fiction writers who manage to consolidate and refine upon the achievements of the novelists of the previous era. Austen to Rossetti represents a remarkable literary development and range of works, addressing a very diverse array of social preoccupations.

Texts:

- Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*
- Charlotte Bronte: *Jane Eyre*
- Charles Dickens: *The Pickwick Papers* (Chapter 1 The Pickwickians; Chapter 2 The Journey Begins; Chapter 23 In Which Mr. Samuel Weller Begins to Devote His Energies; Chapter 56 An Important Conference Takes Place; Chapter 57 In which the Pickwick Club is Finally Dissolved)
- Thomas Hardy: 'The Three Strangers'
- Alfred Tennyson: 'The Defence of Lucknow'
- Robert Browning: 'Love among the Ruins'
- Christina Rossetti: 'Goblin Market'

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Utilitarianism
- The 19th Century Novel
- Marriage and Sexuality
- The Writer and Society
- Faith and Doubt
- The Dramatic Monologue

Readings

- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, 'Mode of Production: The Basis of Social Life', 'The Social Nature of Consciousness', and 'Classes and Ideology', in *A Reader in Marxist Philosophy*, ed. Howard Selsam and Harry Martel (New York: International Publishers, 1963) pp. 186–8, 190–1, 199–201.
- Charles Darwin, 'Natural Selection and Sexual Selection', in *The Descent of Man in The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, 8th edn, vol. 2, ed. Stephen Greenblatt (New York: Norton, 2006) pp. 1545–9.
- John Stuart Mill, *The Subjection of Women in Norton Anthology of English Literature*, 8th edn, vol. 2, ed. Stephen Greenblatt (New York: Norton, 2006) chap. 1, pp. 1061–9.

Semester V

Paper 11: ENG-HC-5016 British Literature: The 20th Century

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

While literary modernity can trace its roots to the works of some European writers of the 19th century, in England it is in the 20th century that the era of Modernism finds its voice in arts and literature. The works of the writers chosen for this paper are good introductions to the spirit of modernism, with its urgent desire to break with the codes and conventions of the past, experiment with new forms and idioms, and its cosmopolitan willingness to open itself up to influences coming from other shores. The paper goes beyond the High Modern period of the early century and the students will also get acquainted with the ethos of postmodernism through a reading of recent poetic and fictional works.

Texts:

- Joseph Conrad: *Heart of Darkness*
- Virginia Woolf: *Mrs Dalloway*
- W.B. Yeats: 'The Second Coming'; 'Sailing to Byzantium'
- T.S. Eliot: 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock'; 'Journey of the Magi'
- W.H. Auden: 'In Memory of W.B. Yeats'
- Hanif Kureishi: *My Beautiful Launderette*
- Phillip Larkin: 'Church Going'
- Ted Hughes: 'Hawk Roosting'
- Seamus Heaney: 'Casualty'

- Carol Ann Duffy: 'Standing Female Nude'

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Modernism, Post-modernism and non-European Cultures
- The Women's Movement in the Early 20th Century
- Psychoanalysis and the Stream of Consciousness
- The Uses of Myth
- The Avant Garde
- Postmodernism in British Literature
- Britishness after 1960s
- Intertextuality and Experimentation
- Literature and Counterculture

Readings

- Sigmund Freud, 'Theory of Dreams', 'Oedipus Complex', and 'The Structure of the Unconscious', in *The Modern Tradition*, ed. Richard Ellman et. al. (Oxford: OUP, 1965) pp. 571, 578-80, 559-63.
- T.S. Eliot, 'Tradition and the Individual Talent', in *Norton Anthology of English Literature*, 8th edn, vol. 2, ed. Stephen Greenblatt (New York: Norton, 2006) pp.2319-25.
- Raymond Williams, 'Introduction', in *The English Novel from Dickens to Lawrence* (London: Hogarth Press, 1984) pp. 9-27.
- Alan Sinfield, 'Literature and Cultural Production', in *Literature, Politics, and Culture in Postwar Britain* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1989) pp. 23-38.
- Seamus Heaney, 'The Redress of Poetry', in *The Redress of Poetry* (London: Faber, 1995) pp. 1-16.
- Patricia Waugh, 'Culture and Change: 1960-1990', in *The Harvest of The Sixties: English Literature and Its Background, 1960-1990* (Oxford: OUP, 1997).

Paper 12: ENG-HC-5026 Women's Writing

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper seeks to direct the students' attention to nineteenth and twentieth century writings by women living in different geographical and socio cultural settings. Students will get acquainted with the situationally distinct experiences of women articulated in a variety of genres-poetry, novels, short stories, and autobiography, while the selections from Mary Wollstonecraft-the only 18th century text prescribed, will acquaint students

with the ideas contained in one of the earliest feminist treatises of the western world. Apart from an examination of the themes and styles in the prescribed texts, students will be required to engage themselves with the specificities of the contexts from which the texts emerged and also analyze the women writers' handling of the different genres to articulate their women-centric experiences.

Themes: Gender, sexual/textual politics, feminism, body, identity, class, location, voice, space, gender and narrative.

Texts:

- Mary Wollstonecraft: *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (New York: Norton, 1988) chap. 1, pp. 11–19; chap. 2, pp. 19–38.
- Rassundari Debi: Excerpts from *Amar Jiban* in Susie Tharu and K. Lalita, eds., *Women's Writing in India*, vol. 1 (New Delhi: OUP, 1989) pp. 191–2.
- Katherine Mansfield: 'Bliss'
- Sylvia Plath: 'Daddy'; 'Lady Lazarus'
- Alice Walker: *The Color Purple*
- Mahashweta Devi: 'Draupadi', tr. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (Calcutta: Seagull, 2002)
- Nirupama Bargohain: 'Celebration'
- Adrienne Rich: 'Orion'
- Eunice De Souza: 'Advice to Women'; 'Bequest'

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Confessional Mode in Women's Writing
- Sexual Politics
- Race, Caste and Gender
- Social Reform and Women's Rights

Readings

- Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own* (New York: Harcourt, 1957) chaps. 1 and 6.
- Simone de Beauvoir, 'Introduction', in *The Second Sex*, tr. Constance Borde and Shiela Malovany-Chevallier (London: Vintage, 2010) pp. 3–18.
- Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid, eds., 'Introduction', in *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History* (New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1989) pp. 1–25.
- Susie Tharu & K. Lalitha, Introduction to *Women Writing in India: 600 BC to the Present, Vol.I: 600 BC to the Early 20th Century*, Eds. Tharu and Lalitha, (New Delhi: Oxford, 1997 (rpt)) pp.1-37.

Semester VI

Paper 13: ENG-HC-6016 Modern European Drama

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

The paper aims at introducing students to the innovative dramatic works of playwrights from different locations in Europe, which taken together represents the wide range of modern drama and its fortunes on the written page and the stage. The selected plays would allow an understanding of the emergence of avant garde movements and trends and dramatic devices and techniques during the period of modernism which eventually influenced theatrical practices in other nations of the world.

Texts:

- Henrik Ibsen: *Ghosts*
- Anton Chekhov: *The Cherry Orchard*
- Bertolt Brecht: *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*
- Samuel Beckett: *Waiting for Godot*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Politics, Social Change and the Stage
- Text and Performance
- European Drama: Realism and Beyond
- Tragedy and Heroism in Modern European Drama
- The Theatre of the Absurd

Readings

- Constantin Stanislavski, *An Actor Prepares*, chap. 8, 'Faith and the Sense of Truth', tr. Elizabeth Reynolds Hapgood (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1967) sections 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, pp. 121–5, 137–46.
- Bertolt Brecht, 'The Street Scene', 'Theatre for Pleasure or Theatre for Instruction', and 'Dramatic Theatre vs Epic Theatre', in *Brecht on Theatre: The Development of an Aesthetic*, ed. and tr. John Willet (London: Methuen, 1992) pp. 68–76, 121–8.
- George Steiner, 'On Modern Tragedy', in *The Death of Tragedy* (London: Faber, 1995) pp. 303–24.

Paper 14: ENG-HC-6026 Postcolonial Literatures

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

European Colonialism since the fifteenth century changed the face of the world in many significant ways, and the effects of the experience of colonialism remain in many countries around the world even in the postcolonial era. This paper gives the students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with some of the novels, short stories and poems from postcolonial literatures across the world, with the texts showcasing the many regional, cultural differences and peculiarities, as well as common and shared experiences of the postcolonial condition.

Texts:

- Chinua Achebe: *Things Fall Apart*
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*
- Bessie Head: 'The Collector of Treasures' Ama Ata Aidoo: 'The Girl who can'
- Grace Ogot: 'The Green Leaves'
- Shyam Selvadurai: *Funny Boy*
- Pablo Neruda: 'Tonight I can Write'; 'The Way Spain Was'
- Derek Walcott: 'A Far Cry from Africa'; 'Names'
- David Malouf: 'Revolving Days'; 'Wild Lemons'
- Easterine Kire: *When the River Sleeps*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- De-colonization, Globalization and Literature
- Literature and Identity Politics
- Writing for the New World Audience
- Region, Race, and Gender
- Postcolonial Literatures and Questions of Form

Readings

- Franz Fanon, 'The Negro and Language', in *Black Skin, White Masks*, tr. Charles Lam Markmann (London: Pluto Press, 2008) pp. 8–27.
- Ngugi waThiong'o, 'The Language of African Literature', in *Decolonising the Mind* (London: James Curry, 1986) chap. 1, sections 4–6.
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech, in *Gabriel Garcia Marquez: New Readings*, ed. Bernard McGuirk and Richard Cardwell (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987).
- Chelva Kanaganayakam, 'Dancing in the Rarefied Air: Reading Contemporary Sri Lankan Literature' (*ARIEL*, Jan. 1998) rpt, Malashri Lal, Alamgir Hashmi, and Victor J. Ramraj, eds., *Post Independence Voices in South Asian Writings* (Delhi: Doaba Publications, 2001) pp. 51–65.

Discipline Centric Elective (Any Four)

Detailed Syllabi

Semester V (Any Two)

Paper 1: ENG-HE-5016 Popular Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Over the years popular literature has moved from the margins to earn for itself a fairly important place in the literary and critical consciousness. This paper seeks to highlight the nature of 'popular' literature as a genre and the critical ideas underpinning the theorization of popular literature. This will be done through a practical engagement with various texts falling under its ambit.

Texts:

- Lewis Carroll: *Alice in Wonderland*
- Agatha Christie: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*
- J. K. Rowling: *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
- Durgabai Vyam and Subhash Vyam: *Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability/ Autobiographical Notes on Ambedkar (For the Visually Challenged students)*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Coming of Age
- The Canonical and the Popular
- Caste, Gender and Identity
- Ethics and Education in Children's Literature
- Sense and Nonsense
- The Graphic Novel

Readings

- Sumathi Ramaswamy, 'Introduction', in *Beyond Appearances?: Visual Practices and Ideologies in Modern India* (Sage: Delhi, 2003) pp. xiii-xxix.
- Leslie Fiedler, 'Towards a Definition of Popular Literature', in *Super Culture: American Popular Culture and Europe*, ed. C.W.E. Bigsby (Ohio: Bowling Green University Press, 1975) pp. 29-38.
- Felicity Hughes, 'Children's Literature: Theory and Practice', *English Literary History*, vol. 45, 1978, pp. 542-61.

Paper 2: ENG-HE-5026 Modern Indian Writing in English Translation

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Literature in the various Indian languages presents a huge body of work testifying to the diverse cultural and regional preoccupations in the respective regions these languages belong to. This paper attempts to give students an introductory glimpse into this richness and diversity of Indian literature written in the regional languages.

Texts:

- Premchand: 'The Shroud', in *Penguin Book of Classic Urdu Stories*, ed. M. Asaduddin (New Delhi: Penguin/Viking, 2006).
- Ismat Chughtai: 'The Quilt', in *Lifting the Veil: Selected Writings of Ismat Chughtai*, tr. M. Asaduddin (New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2009).
- Bhabendranath Saikia: 'Celebration', Tr. Prachee Dewri, in *Splendour in the Grass: Selected Assamese Short Stories*, ed. Hiren Gohain (New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi, 2010)
- Fakir Mohan Senapati: 'Rebati', in *Oriya Stories*, ed. Vidya Das, tr. Kishori Charan Das (Delhi: Srishti Publishers, 2000).
- Rabindra Nath Tagore: 'Light, Oh Where is the Light?' and 'When My Play was with thee', in *Gitanjali: A New Translation with an Introduction by William Radice* (New Delhi: Penguin India, 2011).
- G.M. Muktibodh: 'The Void', (tr. Vinay Dharwadker) and 'So Very Far', (tr. Tr. Vishnu Khare and Adil Jussawala), in *The Oxford Anthology of Modern Indian Poetry*, ed. Vinay Dharwadker and A.K. Ramanujan (New Delhi: OUP, 2000).
- Amrita Pritam: 'I Say Unto Waris Shah', (tr. N.S. Tasneem) in *Modern Indian Literature: An Anthology, Plays and Prose, Surveys and Poems*, ed. K.M. George, vol. 3 (Delhi: Sahitya Akademi, 1992).
- Thangjam Ibopishak Singh: 'Dali, Hussain, or Odour of Dream, Colour of Wind' and 'The Land of the Half-Humans', tr. Robin S. Ngangom, in *The Anthology of Contemporary Poetry from the Northeast* (NEHU: Shillong, 2003).
- Dharamveer Bharati: *Andha Yug*, tr. Alok Bhalla (New Delhi: OUP, 2009).
- Hiren Bhattacharyya: 'What Is It That Burns in Me?'
<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/what-is-it-that-burns-in-me/>

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Aesthetics of Translation
- Linguistic Regions and Languages
- Modernity in Indian Literature
- Caste, Gender and Resistance
- Questions of Form in 20th Century Indian Literature.

Readings

- Namwar Singh, 'Decolonising the Indian Mind', tr. Harish Trivedi, *Indian Literature*, no. 151 (Sept./Oct. 1992).

- B.R. Ambedkar, *Annihilation of Caste* in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches*, vol. 1 (Maharashtra: Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, 1979) chaps. 4, 6, and 14.
- Sujit Mukherjee, 'A Link Literature for India', in *Translation as Discovery* (Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 1994) pp. 34–45.
- G.N. Devy, 'Introduction', from *After Amnesia* in *The G.N. Devy Reader* (New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, 2009) pp. 1–5.

Paper 3: ENG-HE-5036 Literature of the Indian Diaspora

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

In the light of global literature today focusing extensively on ideas of transnationalism, exile, migration, displacement, and so on, literature of the diaspora has come to exert a strong presence in the global scene. This paper will look at the diasporic experience with particular reference to Indian diasporic writers.

Texts:

- M. G. Vassanji: *The Book of Secrets* (Penguin, India)
- Rohinton Mistry: *A Fine Balance* (Alfred A Knopf)
- Meera Syal: *Anita and Me* (Harper Collins)
- Jhumpa Lahiri: *The Namesake* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Diaspora
- Nostalgia
- New Medium
- Alienation

Reading

- "Introduction: The diasporic imaginary" in Mishra, V. (2008). *Literature of the Indian Diaspora*. London: Routledge
- "Cultural Configurations of Diaspora," in Kalra, V. Kaur, R. and Hutynuk, J. (2005). *Diaspora & hybridity*. London: Sage Publications.
- "The New Empire within Britain," in Rushdie, S. (1991). *Imaginary Homelands*. London: Granta Books.

Paper 4: ENG-HE-5046 Nineteenth Century European Realism

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

The insistence on literary representation whose objective was to 'mirror' reality gained ground in nineteenth-century Europe across the different cultural spaces of the Continent. That is why varieties of realism surfaced in the literary traditions which were as culturally divergent as Russia and Spain. This paper is designed to provide an interesting sampling of the traditions that contributed to the growth and consolidation of European Realism in the nineteenth century. Study of these texts will also facilitate the understanding of the gradual movement towards modernism in the twentieth century which was, in many ways, both a response and a reaction to the major tendencies of European Realism.

Texts:

- Ivan Turgenev: *Fathers and Sons*, tr. Peter Carson (London: Penguin, 2009).
- Leo Tolstoy: 'Kholstomer: The Story of a Horse'
- Nikolai Gogol: 'The Nose'
- Honore de Balzac: *Old Goriot*, tr. M.A. Crawford (London: Penguin, 2003).
- Guy de Maupassant:

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- History, Realism and the Novel Form
- Ethics and the Novel
- The Novel and its Readership in the 19th Century
- Politics and the Russian Novel: Slavophiles and Westernizers

Readings

- Leo Tolstoy, 'Man as a creature of history in *War and Peace*', ed. Richard Ellmann et. al., *The Modern Tradition*, (Oxford: OUP, 1965) pp. 246–54.
- Honore de Balzac, 'Society as Historical Organism', from Preface to *The Human Comedy*, in *The Modern Tradition*, ed. Ellmann et. al (Oxford: OUP, 1965) pp. 265–67.
- Gustav Flaubert, 'Heroic honesty', Letter on *Madame Bovary*, in *The Modern Tradition*, ed. Richard Ellmann et. al. (Oxford: OUP, 1965) pp. 242–3.
- George Lukacs, 'Balzac and Stendhal', in *Studies in European Realism* (London, Merlin Press, 1972) pp. 65–85.
- Viktor Shklovsky, 'Art as Technique'

Paper 5: ENG-HE-5056 Literary Criticism and Literary Theory

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper will familiarize students with some important texts on literary criticism and literary theory. Beginning from William Wordsworth's Preface to the *Lyrical Ballads* the purpose will be to inform the students on the shifts in literary interpretations and critical approaches so as to equip them while reading texts across genres.

Texts:

- William Wordsworth: Preface to the *Lyrical Ballads* (1802)
- S.T. Coleridge: *Biographia Literaria*. Chapters IV, XIII and XIV
- Virginia Woolf: "Modern Fiction"
- T.S. Eliot: "Tradition and the Individual Talent" (1919)
- I.A. Richards: *Principles of Literary Criticism* Chapters 1,2 and 34. London 1924
- Cleanth Brooks: "The Language of Paradox" in *The Well-Wrought Urn: Studies in the Structure of Poetry* (1947)
- Terry Eagleton: Introduction to *Marxism and Literary Criticism* (University of California Press, 1976)
- Elaine Showalter: 'Twenty Years on: A Literature of Their Own Revisited', in *A Literature of Their Own: British Women Novelists from Bronte to Lessing* (1977. Rpt. London: Virago, 2003) pp. xi–xxxiii.
- Toril Moi: "Introduction" in *Sexual/Textual Politics* (1985. New York and London: Routledge, 2002, 2ndEdn.) pp. 1-18.
- Jacques Derrida: "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Science", tr. Alan Bass, in *Modern Criticism and Theory: A Reader*, ed. David Lodge (London: Longman, 1988) pp. 108–23.
- Michel Foucault: 'Truth and Power', in *Power and Knowledge*, tr. Alessandro Fontana and Pasquale Pasquino (New York: Pantheon, 1977) pp. 109–33.
- Mahatma Gandhi: 'Passive Resistance' and 'Education', in *Hind Swaraj and Other Writings*, ed. Anthony J Parel (Delhi: CUP, 1997) pp. 88–106.
- Edward Said: 'The Scope of Orientalism' in *Orientalism* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1978) pp. 29–110.
- Frantz Fanon: *Black Skin, White Masks* tr. Charles Lam Markmann (Chapter 4 "The So-Called Dependency Complex of Colonized Peoples") (London: Pluto Press, 1986) pp. 83-108

Suggested Background Prose Readings and Topics for Class Presentations

Topics

- Summarising and Critiquing
- Point of View
- Reading and Interpreting
- Media Criticism
- Plot and Setting

- Citing from Critics' Interpretations
- The East and the West
- Questions of Alterity
- Power, Language, and Representation
- The State and Culture

Readings

- Terry Eagleton, *Literary Theory: An Introduction* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008).
- Peter Barry, *Beginning Theory* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2002).
- C.S. Lewis, Introduction in *An Experiment in Criticism*, Cambridge University Press 1992
- M.H. Abrams, *The Mirror and the Lamp*, Oxford University Press, 1971
- Rene Wellek, Stephen G. Nicholas, *Concepts of Criticism*, Connecticut, Yale University 1963
- Taylor and Francis Eds., *An Introduction to Literature, Criticism and Theory*, Routledge, 1996

Paper 6: ENG-HE-5066 Science Fiction and Detective Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Science Fiction and Detective Literature have a fairly venerable ancestry, going back at least two centuries. Some fine literary minds have engaged with these genres, and their creations can be fruitfully studied to explore ways in which new narrative possibilities have emerged due to the human fascination for crime, mystery and improbable occurrences.

Texts:

- Wilkie Collins: *The Woman in White*
- Arthur Conan Doyle: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
- Raymond Chandler: *The Big Sleep*
- H.R.F. Keating: *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*
- Doris Lessing: *Shikasta*

Suggested Topics and Readings for Class Presentation

Topics

- Crime across the Media
- Constructions of Criminal Identity
- Cultural Stereotypes in Crime Fiction
- Crime Fiction and Cultural Nostalgia
- Crime Fiction and Ethics

- Crime and Censorship

Readings

- J. Edmund Wilson, 'Who Cares Who Killed Roger Ackroyd?', *The New Yorker*, 20 June 1945.
- George Orwell, *Raffles and Miss Blandish*, available at: <www.george-orwell.org/Raffles_and_Miss_Blandish/0.html>
- W.H. Auden, *The Guilty Vicarage*, available at: <harpers.org/archive/1948/05/the-guilty-vicarage/>
- Raymond Chandler, 'The Simple Art of Murder', *Atlantic Monthly*, Dec. 1944, available at: <<http://www.en.utexas.edu/amlit/amlitprivate/scans/chandlerart.html>>

Semester VI (Any Two)

Paper 7: ENG-HE-6016 Literature and Cinema

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- James Monaco: 'The language of film: signs and syntax', in *How To Read a Film: The World of Movies, Media & Multimedia* (New York: OUP, 2009) chap. 3, pp. 170–249.
- *Romeo & Juliet* (1968; dir. Franco Zeffirelli, Paramount); and *Romeo + Juliet* (1996; dir. Baz Luhrmann, 20th Century Fox) [Adaptations of William Shakespeare *Romeo and Juliet*, and its adaptations]
- *Earth* (1998; dir. Deepa Mehta, Cracking the Earth Films Incorp.) [Bapsi Sidhwa: *Ice-Candy-Man's* adaptation]; and *Pinjar* (2003; dir. C.P. Dwivedi, Lucky Star Entertainment) [Amrita Pritam, *Pinjar: The Skeleton and Other Stories*, tr. Khushwant Singh (New Delhi: Tara Press, 2009) and its adaptation]
- *Ganashatru* (1989; dir. Satyajit Ray, NFDC) [Henrik Ibsen: *An Enemy of the People's* adaptation]; *Rudaali* (1993; Kalpana Lajmi, NFDC) [Mahasweta Devi: *Rudaali*]

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- Theories of Adaptation
- Transformation and Transposition
- Hollywood and 'Bollywood'
- The 'Two Ways of Seeing'
- Adaptation as Interpretation

Readings

- Linda Hutcheon, 'On the Art of Adaptation', *Daedalus*, vol. 133, (2004).
- Thomas Leitch, 'Adaptation Studies at Crossroads', *Adaptation*, 2008, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 63–77.
- Poonam Trivedi, 'Filmi Shakespeare', *Litfilm Quarterly*, vol. 35, issue 2, 2007.
- Tony Bennett and Janet Woollacott, 'Figures of Bond', in *Popular Fiction: Technology, Ideology, Production, Reading*, ed. Tony Bennet (London and New York: Routledge, 1990).
- Gulzar – *Angoor* (1982) [Adaptation of William Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*]
- Vishal Bhardwaj – *Maqbool* (2003), *Omkara* (2006) [Adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *Othello* respectively]
- BBC TV mini-series (1995), Joe Wright (2005) and Gurinder Chadha's *Bride and Prejudice* (2004) [Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice* and its adaptations]
- Italo Spinelli – *Gangoror 'Behind the Bodice'* (2010).
- Shyam Benegal – *Junoon* (1979)
Vishal Bhardwaj – *The Blue Umbrella* (2005), and *Saat Khoon Maaf* (2011)
[Adaptation of Ruskin Bond's short stories]
- David Lean – *Passage to India* (1984) [Adaptation of E.M. Forster's *Passage to India*]

Note:

- For every unit, 4 hours are for the written text and 8 hours for its cinematic adaptation (Total: 12 hours)
- To introduce students to the issues and practices of cinematic adaptations, teachers may use the following critical material:
- Deborah Cartmell and Imelda Whelehan, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Literature on Screen* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- John M. Desmond and Peter Hawkes, *Adaptation: Studying Film and Literature* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2005).
- Linda Hutcheon, *A Theory of Adaptation* (New York: Routledge, 2006).
- J.G. Boyum, *Double Exposure* (Calcutta: Seagull, 1989).
- B. Mcfarlens, *Novel to Film: An Introduction to the Theory of Adaptation* (Clarendon University Press, 1996).

Paper 8: ENG-HE-6026 World Literatures

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- V.S. Naipaul: *A Bend in the River* (London: Picador, 1979).
- Marie Clements: *The Unnatural and Accidental Women*, in *Staging Coyote's Dream: An Anthology of First Nations*, ed. Monique Mojica and Ric Knowles (Toronto: Playwrights Canada, 2003)
- Antoine De Saint-Exupery: *The Little Prince* (New Delhi: Pigeon Books, 2008)

- Julio Cortazar: 'Blow-Up', in *Blow-Up and other Stories* (New York: Pantheon, 1985).
- Judith Wright: 'Bora Ring', in *Collected Poems* (Sydney: Angus & Robertson, 2002) p. 8.
- Gabriel Okara: 'The Mystic Drum', in *An Anthology of Commonwealth Poetry*, ed. C.D. Narasimhaiah (Delhi: Macmillan, 1990) pp. 132–3.
- Kishwar Naheed: 'The Grass is Really like me', in *We the Sinful Women* (New Delhi: Rupa, 1994) p. 41.
- Shu Ting: 'Assembly Line', in *A Splintered Mirror: Chinese Poetry From the Democracy Movement*, tr. Donald Finkel, additional translations by Carolyn Kizer (New York: North Point Press, 1991).
- Jean Arasanayagam: 'Two Dead Soldiers', in *Fusillade* (New Delhi: Indialog, 2003) pp. 89–90.

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics

- The Idea of World Literature
- Memory, Displacement and Diaspora
- Hybridity, Race and Culture
- Adult Reception of Children's Literature
- Literary Translation and the Circulation of Literary Texts
- Aesthetics and Politics in Poetry

Readings

- Sarah Lawall, 'Preface' and 'Introduction', in *Reading World Literature: Theory, History, Practice*, ed. Sarah Lawall (Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 1994) pp. ix–xviii, 1–64.
- David Damrosch, *How to Read World Literature?* (Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009) pp. 1–64, 65–85.
- Franco Moretti, 'Conjectures on World Literature', *New Left Review*, vol.1 (2000), pp. 54–68.
- Theo D'haen et al., eds., 'Introduction', in *World Literature: A Reader* (London: Routledge, 2012).

Paper 9: ENG-HE-6036 Partition Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- Intizar Husain: *Basti*, tr. Frances W. Pritchett (New Delhi: Rupa, 1995).
- Amitav Ghosh: *The Shadow Lines*.

- Dibyendu Palit: 'Alam's Own House', tr. Sarika Chaudhuri, *Bengal Partition Stories: An Unclosed Chapter*, ed. Bashabi Fraser (London: Anthem Press, 2008) pp. 453–72.
- Manik Bandhopadhyaya: 'The Final Solution', tr. Rani Ray, *Mapmaking: Partition Stories from Two Bengals*, ed. Debjani Sengupta (New Delhi: Srishti, 2003) pp.23–39.
- Sa'adat Hasan Manto: 'Toba Tek Singh', *Black Margins: Manto*, tr. M. Asaduddin (New Delhi: Katha, 2003) pp. 212-20.
- Lalithambika Antharajanam: 'A Leaf in the Storm', tr. K. Narayana Chandran, in *Stories about the Partition of India* ed. Alok Bhalla (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012) pp. 137–45.
- Faiz Ahmad Faiz: 'For Your Lanes, My Country', in *In English: Faiz Ahmad Faiz, A Renowned Urdu Poet*, tr. and ed. Riz Rahim (California: Xlibris, 2008) p. 138.
- Jibananda Das: 'I Shall Return to This Bengal', tr. Sukanta Chaudhuri, in *Modern Indian Literature* (New Delhi: OUP, 2004) pp. 8–13.
- Gulzar: 'Toba Tek Singh', tr. Anisur Rahman, in *Translating Partition*, ed. Ravikant and Tarun K. Saint (New Delhi: Katha, 2001) p.x.

Suggested Topics and Readings for Class Presentation

Topics

- Colonialism, Nationalism, and the Partition
- Communalism and Violence
- Homelessness and Exile
- Women in the Partition

Background Readings and Screenings

- Ritu Menon and Kamla Bhasin, 'Introduction', in *Borders and Boundaries* (New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998).
- Sukrita P. Kumar, *Narrating Partition* (Delhi: Indialog, 2004).
- Urvashi Butalia, *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India* (Delhi: Kali for Women, 2000).
- Sigmund Freud, 'Mourning and Melancholia', in *The Complete Psychological Worksof Sigmund Freud*, tr. James Strachey (London: Hogarth Press, 1953) pp. 3041–53.

Films

- *Garam Hawa* (dir. M.S. Sathyu, 1974).
- *Khamosh Paani: Silent Waters* (dir. SabihaSumar, 2003).
- *Subarnarekha* (dir. RitwikGhatak, 1965)

Paper 10: ENG-HE-6046 Travel Writing

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- Ibn Batuta: 'The Court of Muhammad bin Tughlaq', Khuswant Singh's *City Improbable: Writings on Delhi*, Penguin
- Al Biruni: Chapter LXIII, LXIV, LXV, LXVI, in *India by Al Biruni*, edited by Qeyamuddin Ahmad, National Book Trust of India
- Mark Twain: *The Innocent Abroad* (Chapter VII, VIII and IX), Wordsworth Classics Edition
- Ernesto Che Guevara: *The Motorcycle Diaries: A Journey around South America* (the Expert, Home land for victor, The city of viceroys), Harper
- William Dalrymple: *City of Djinns* (Prologue, Chapters I and II), Penguin
- Rahul Sankrityayan: *From Volga to Ganga* (Translation by Victor Kierman) (Section I to Section II) Pilgrims Publishing
- Nahid Gandhi: *Alternative Realities: Love in the Lives of Muslim Women*, Chapter 'Love, War and Widow', Westland, 2013
- Vikram Seth: *From Heaven Lake* "Heaven Lake"
- Elisabeth Bumiller: *May You be the Mother of a Hundred Sons: a Journey Among the Women of India*, Chapters 2 and 3, pp.24-74 (New York: Penguin Books, 1991)

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

- Travel Writing and Ethnography
- Gender and Travel
- Globalization and Travel
- Travel and Religion
- Orientalism and Travel

Readings

- Susan Bassnett, 'Travel Writing and Gender', in *Cambridge Companion to Travel Writing*, ed. Peter Hulme and Tim Young (Cambridge: CUP,2002) pp, 225-241
- Tabish Khair, 'An Interview with William Dalrymple and Pankaj Mishra' in *Postcolonial Travel Writings: Critical Explorations*, ed. Justin D Edwards and Rune Graulund (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), 173-184
- Casey Balton, 'Narrating Self and Other: A Historical View', in *Travel Writing: The Self and The Other* (Routledge, 2012), pp.1-29
- Sachidananda Mohanty, 'Introduction: Beyond the Imperial Eyes' in *Travel Writing and Empire* (New Delhi: Katha, 2004) pp. ix –xx.

Paper 11: ENG-HE-6056 Life Writing

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau: *Confessions*, Part One, Book One, pp. 5-43, Translated by Angela Scholar (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- Maya Angelou: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Chapter 6, pp. 37-49 (New York: Virago, 2004)
- M. K. Gandhi: *Autobiography or the Story of My Experiments with Truth*, Part I Chapters II-IX, pp.5-26(Ahmedabad: Navajivan Trust, 1993).
- Ismat Chughtai, *A Life in Words: Memoirs*, Chapter 1 (New Delhi: Penguin India, 2013).
- Binodini Dasi: *My Story and Life as an Actress*, pp. 61-83 (New Delhi: Kali for women, 1998).
- Revathi: *Truth About Me: A Hijra Life Story*, Chapters One to Four, 1-37 (New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2010.)
- Richard Wright: *Black Boy*, Chapter 1, pp. 9-44 (United Kingdom: Picador, 1968).
- Sharankumar Limbale: *The Outcaste*, Translated by Santosh Bhoomkar, pp. 1-39 (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003)

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for class Presentations

- Self and society
- Role of memory in writing autobiography
- Autobiography as resistance
- Autobiography as rewriting history

Readings:

- James Olney, 'A Theory of Autobiography' in *Metaphors of Self: the meaning of Autobiography* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1972) pp. 3-50.
- Laura Marcus, 'The Law of Genre' in *Auto/biographical Discourses* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1994) pp. 229-72.
- Linda Anderson, 'Introduction' in *Autobiography* (London: Routledge, 2001) pp.1-17.
- Mary G. Mason, 'The Other Voice: Autobiographies of women Writers' in *Life/Lines:Theorizing Women's Autobiography*, Edited by Bella Brodzki and Celeste Schenck (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988) pp. 19-44.
- Carolyn G. Heilbrun, 'Introduction' in *Writing a Woman's Life* (New York: Ballantine Books, 1988) pp. 11-31.

Paper 12: ENG-HE-6066 Writings from North East India

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Section I: Oral Narratives

- Mamang Dai: On Creation Myths and Oral Narratives

- Tashi Chopel: The Story of Creation
- Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih: U Thlen: The Man-Eating Serpent

Section II: Poetry

- Deva Kanta Barua: 'And we open the Gates'
- Ajit Barua: 'Lovely is Our Village', Parts I & II
- Rajendra Bhandari: 'Time Does Not Pass'

Section III: Fiction

- Homen Borgohain: 'Spring in Hell'
- Temsula Ao: 'An Old Man Remembers'
- Mahim Bora: 'Audition'

Section IV: Prose

- Gopinath Bardoloi: 'Reminiscences of Gandhiji'
- Moji Riba: 'Rites, In Passing'

Section V: Drama

- Arun Sarma: *Aahar*

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for class Presentations

- The Folk in Narrative
- Myths and Legends
- Memory and Telling
- Writing Northeast India

Readings:

- Geeti Sen. ed. *Where the Sun Rises When Shadows Fall: The North East*, OUP, 2006
- HomenBorgohain. *The Collected Works of Homen Borgohain*. Amaryllis, 2017
- Homen Borgohain and Hiren Dutta. Eds. *Hundred Years of Assamese Poetry*, Publication Board, Assam, 1998
- Mitra Phukan ed. *Assamese: Handpicked Fictions*, Katha, 2003
- Robin Singh Ngangom, and K S Nongkynrih. eds. *Dancing Earth: An Anthology of Poetry from Northeast India*, 2009

III Generic Elective (Four Papers)

Note: One Generic Elective paper in each semester given below is designed to be a common one for both BA Honours and BA Regular students. The Departments can, therefore, offer these papers if they find it convenient to do so. However, they are also free to offer the other papers if they choose to.

Semester I (Any One)

Paper 1: ENG-HG-1016 Academic Writing and Composition

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

- Introduction to the Writing Process
- Introduction to the Conventions of Academic Writing
- Writing in one's own words: Summarizing and Paraphrasing
- Critical Thinking: Syntheses, Analyses, and Evaluation
- Structuring an Argument: Introduction, Interjection, and Conclusion
- Citing Resources; Editing, Book and Media Review

Suggested Readings

- Liz Hamp-Lyons and Ben Heasley, *Study writing: A Course in Writing Skills for Academic Purposes* (Cambridge: CUP, 2006).
- Renu Gupta, *A Course in Academic Writing* (New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2010).
- Ilona Leki, *Academic Writing: Exploring Processes and Strategies* (New York: CUP, 2nd edn, 1998).
- Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein, *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing* (New York: Norton, 2009).

Paper 2: ENG-HG-1026 Individual and Society

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial) =6

Marks: 100 (80+20)

This paper examines a key aspect of literary composition – the figure of the individual in her interactions with the society in which she lives. Literary works represent these elements in different ways. The individual appears as character, narrator, writer, while the society features as milieu in which individuals function, and as that which creates the conditions for emergence of the literary text. Individuals live in harmony or in conflict with society. Texts in this paper, selected from the many literatures in English being produced today, will provide the opportunity to study all of these aspects. Students will also note the ways in which individual-society relationships and their representation change in different historical periods of literature. Each text in this paper will be studied against its social and cultural milieu.

Course Outcomes:

- Understand the relationship between the individual writer and the society about/in which she writes
- Develop skill in analyzing the author's representation of society and the individual in interaction and write critiques drawing out.

- Learn to distinguish between literary representation and actual character and milieu

Texts:

- Geoffrey Chaucer: *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*
- Pope: Epistle 3 (from *An Essay on Man*)
- Charles Dickens: *Oliver Twist*
- T.S. Eliot: 'Preludes',
- Allen Ginsberg: *Howl*
- Vijay Tendulkar *Kamala* (Play. Translated from Marathi)
- Kamila Shamsie: *Burnt Shadows*
- E.L. Doctorow: *Ragtime*

Suggested Readings:

- The Norton Anthology of English Literature* (All volumes - for library)(10th edition, 2018)
- Andrew Sanders: *The Short Oxford History of English Literature* (1994)
- Raymond Williams: *Culture and Society* (1958)

Semester II (Any One)

Paper 3: ENG-HG-2016 Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

Course Objectives/Course Description: This course will look at Women's Issues in India in the light of the various historical and social contexts. It will trace the evolution of Women's Empowerment both in terms of policy and discourse in postcolonial, contemporary India and at the same time try to locate the women's position in earlier times.

The course aims to:

- Study the position of women in pre-colonial times
- Show how colonial modernity impacts women
- Study the impact of nationalism on women
- Track the Women's movement and Empowerment issues in contemporary India

Course Outcome:

The learner will be equipped with:

- A historical understanding of the space accorded to women in India through history
- An understanding of the manner in which the social construction of gender comes about.

- The ability to critique the given and stereotypical notions of such constructions.

UNIT 1: Social Construction of Gender (15)

- Masculinity and Femininity
- Patriarchy
- Women in Community

UNIT 2: History of Women's Movements in India (Pre & Post Independence)
(20)

- Women and Nation
- Women and the Partition
- Women, Education and Self-fashioning
- Women in the Public and Private Spaces

UNIT 3: Women and Law (15)

- Women and the Indian Constitution
- Personal Laws (Customary practices on inheritance and Marriage)
- Workshop on legal awareness

UNIT 4: Women's Body and the Environment (15)

- State interventions, Khap Panchayats
- Female foeticide, Domestic violence, Sexual harassment
- Eco-feminism and the Chipko Movement

UNIT 5: Female Voices (15)

- Kamala Das, "The Old Playhouse"
- Mahashweta Devi, *Mother of 1084*
- Krishna Sobti, *Zindaginama*

Recommended Reading:

- Urvashi Butalia, *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*
- Kumkum Sanagari, *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*

- Judith Walsh, *Domesticity in Colonial India: What Women Learned When Men Gave Them Advice*
- Tanika and Sumit Sarkar, *Women and Social Reform in Modern India- Vol 1 & Vol 2*
- Nivedita Menon, *Gender and Politics in India: Themes in Politics*
- Vandana Shiva & Maria Mies, *Ecofeminism*

Paper 4: ENG-HG-2026 Modern Indian Literatures

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

The Modern Indian Literatures comprise extensive writings in all genres in many languages. The different historical and cultural backgrounds of the various Indian languages and literatures add to the complexity of what is termed as Modern Indian Literatures. However, there are also things that hold India together, many commonalities, bondings, and shared experiences despite the varieties. The list of short stories and poems prescribed for this course give the student a taste of Indian writing from different regions of the country. The selection has been culled from English translations of writings in Indian languages and English compositions of Indian authors.

Short Stories:

50 Marks

- Amrita Pritam: "The Weed"
- U. R. Anantha Murthy: "The Sky and the Cat"
- Gopinath Mohanty: "The Somersault"
- R K Narayan: "Another Community"
- Sunil Gangopadhyay: "Shah Jahan and His Private Army"
- Saurabh Kumar Chaliha: "Restless Electrons"

Poems:

30 Marks

- Nissim Ezekiel: "Poet, Lover, Birdwatcher"
- Jayanta Mahapatra: "The Abandoned British Cemetery at Balasore"
- Keki N. Daruwalla: "Wolf"
- Mamang Dai: "The Voice of the Mountain"
- Navakanta Barua: "Bats"
- Dilip Chitre: "The Felling of the Banyan Tree"

Recommended Texts:

- The Penguin Book of Modern Indian Short Stories*. Edited by Stephen Alter and Wimal Dissanayake. 2001.
- The Oxford Anthology of Twelve Indian Poets* chosen and edited by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra. Oxford University Press, 1992.
- The Oxford Anthology of Writings from North-East India: Poetry and Essays*. Edited by Tilottoma Misra. OUP, 2011.

Suggested Reading:

- Sarkar, Sumit. *Modern Times: India: 1880s-1950s: Environment, Economy, Culture*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2014.
- Mehrotra, Arvind Krishna. *Partial Recall: Essays on Literature and literary History*. Orient Blackswan, 2012.

Semester III (Any One)**Paper 5: ENG-HG-3016 Language and Linguistics****Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)****Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)**

- Language: language and communication; language varieties: standard and non- standard language; language change.

Recommended Reading:

- Mesthrie, Rajend and Rakesh M Bhatt. *World Englishes: The study of new linguistic varieties*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,2008.
- Lyons, John. *Language and Linguistics. An Introduction*. Cambridge University Press,1981
- Structuralism: Ferdinand De Saussure. 1966. *Course in general linguistics*. New York: McGraw Hill Introduction: Chapter 3
- Phonology and Morphology: The organs of speech, vowel and consonant sounds, the syllable, word stress and sentence stress, basic intonation patterns.

Morphemes/Allomorphs/Morphs, word-formation processes in English, inflectional and derivational suffixes.

Recommended Reading:

- Akmajian, A., R. A. Demers and R. M. Harnish, *Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication*, 2nd ed. Cambridge, Mass,: MIT Press, 1984; Indian edition, Prentice Hall, 1991
- Fromkin, V., and R. Rodman, *An Introduction to Language*, 2nd ed. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1974(Chapters 3, 6 and 7)
- Syntax and semantics: categories and constituent structure; maxims of conversation, the diversity of meaning-synonymy, antonymy, homonymy and polysemy.

Recommended Reading:

Akmajian, A., R. A. Demers and R, M Harnish, *Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication*, 2nd ed. Cambridge, Mass,: MIT Press, 1984; Indian edition, Prentice Hall, 1991(Chapter 5 and 6)

Paper 6: ENG-HG-3026 British Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper is designed to offer a representative sampling of the major literary traditions of British life and culture through a study of texts in different genres. The paper will comprise of 80 marks external examination and 20 marks internal evaluation.

Section A

Poetry:

30 marks

- William Shakespeare: 'Sonnet 116'
- John Milton: 'On his Blindness'
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge: 'Christabel'
- W. B. Yeats: 'The Second Coming'
- Ted Hughes: 'The Thought-Fox'
- Emily Bronte: 'Remembrance'
- Dylan Thomas: 'Poem in October'
- Vicky Feaver: 'Slow Reader'

Section B

Fiction:

30 marks

- Elizabeth Gaskell: *Mary Barton*
- James Joyce: "The Dead"
- E. M. Forster: "The Celestial Omnibus"
- William Trevor: *The Story of Lucy Gault*

Section C

Drama:

20 marks

- Oscar Wilde: *The Importance of Being Earnest*
- J. B. Priestley: *An Inspector Calls*

Semester IV (Any One)

Paper 7: ENG-HG-4016 Language, Literature and Culture

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

This paper will introduce students to the relationship between language, literature and culture. Language varies according to the culture and world view of the group in which it is used. The language used in literature also has certain features which distinguish it

from the language of everyday communication. Keeping these aspects in mind, students will study the following topics:

- Speech community
- Concept of dialect
- Register and style
- Diglossia
- Bilingualism and multilingualism
- Language and gender
- Style in literature: cohesion, word-choice, point of view, figures of speech, the concept of genre.

Recommended Reading:

- Romaine, Suzanne. *Language in Society: An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. OUP, 1994
- Trudgill, Peter. *Sociolinguistics: An Introduction to Language and Society*, 1995 Revised edition.
- Toolan, Michael. *Language in Literature: An Introduction to Stylistics*, London: Arnold, 1998
- Carter, R.(ed) *Language and Literature: An Introductory Reader in Stylistics*. London: Allen and Unwin, 1982
- Crystal, David. *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995

Paper 8: ENG-HG-4026 Literary Cross Currents: Forms: Prose, Poetry, Fiction & Play

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment)

In almost every period of literary history works of non-fictional prose, fiction, poetry and drama have co-existed. Also, literary cross-currents have helped shape these literary forms in a way that demonstrates their affinities as well as differences. It's important to study works with due attention to their 'formal' aspects so that what is truly distinctive about the literary type, form, or genre to which they belong is not missed. At the same time it's necessary to contextualize the study so that the evolutionary or historical dimension of the literary works, their growth and transformation over the years is not lost sight of. This paper will acquaint the students with different literary forms, with one part addressing formal concerns including definitions, while the other part will involve study of actual texts which exemplify a particular literary form or genre, and which will include some consideration of the contexts of their production.

Part A: Forms and movements

20 Marks

- Forms:

Epic and mock-epic, ballad, ode, sonnet, lyric, elegy, tragedy, tragicomedy, absurd drama, heroic drama, problem plays, expressionist plays, Gothic fiction, the historical novel, the bildungsroman, the personal essay, the periodical essay, memoir, autobiography, biography

- Movements and trends which influence forms and genres:

Neo-classicism, Romanticism, Augustanism, Victorianism, Realism, Naturalism, Expressionism, Existentialism, Dadaism and Surrealism

Part B: Study of individual texts

Epic and Poetry: (20)

- *The Mahabharata* (The Game of Dice)
- Ben Jonson: "Song to Celia"
- Lord Alfred Tennyson: "The Lady of Shalott"
- John Keats: "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

Prose (Fiction and Non-fiction) (20)

- Joseph Addison: "True and False Wit," (Spectator 62)
- Charles Lamb: "The Dream Children"
- Charlotte Bronte: *Jane Eyre*
- Edgar Allan Poe: "The Black Cat"
- Kamala Das: *My Story*

Plays: (20)

- Henrik Ibsen: *A Doll's House*
- Harold Pinter: *The Birthday Party*.

Suggested Reading:

- Pakmaja Asho. *A Companion to Literary Forms*
- Chris Baldick. *The Oxford Dictionary of Literary terms*
- *The Concise Oxford Companion to English Literature (Oxford Quick Reference)*
- Lillian Herlands Hornstein, G. D. Percy, and Calvin S. Brown, Eds. *The Reader's Companion to World Literature*

IV. Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

Paper 1: English/MIL Communication Credits: 4
(ENG-AE-1014: English Communication)

Paper 2: Environmental Studies Credits: 4

V. Skill Enhancement Course (Two Papers)

Note: There will be a common pool of papers in the Skill Enhancement Courses for both BA English Honours and BA English. These papers are designed in such a way that they can be taught in both BA English Honours and BA English (Regular). The SEC papers for Semesters III and IV in both BA English Honours and BA English will be common even though they will have separate course codes for the two programmes. These papers may be taught in classes common to both the Honours and the Regular students.

Semester III

Paper 1: ENG-SE-3014 Creative Writing

Credits: 4

Marks: 100 (80+20)

The students in this course will focus on three creative genres, fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The emphasis will be to build proficiency in readings and writings. The course encourages active class participation and lots of writings. One of the basic objectives of the course is to allow students to explore ideas, feelings, experiences and effectively communicate these stimulus using the written word. Each lecture will be tied to reading of texts, techniques, narratology and rhetorical positions. The set of readings will be given during the course and may vary each semester, whenever the course is on offer.

The weightage of the programme will depend on:

10% --class lectures;

20% --journal writings on discussions of ideas, photographs, paintings, memories and experiences;

30%-- class participation/assignments/workshops/writings following prompts/writing with music

40%-- submission of fiction (20000 words) /non-fiction(20000 words) / poetry(15 poems of 150000 words) at the time of completion of the course.

Section A: Poetry

15 Marks

Discussion/ Class participation topics:

- What is good poetry?
- Writing poetry
- Why poetry
- Reading poetry

The students will be introduced to

- History of poetry,
- Forms of poetry.
- Rhetoric and prosody.
- Images and symbols

Section B: Fiction

30 Marks

Discussion/ Class participation topics:

- What is a good story?

- Writing short stories
- Writing novels
- Characterisation
- Structure
- Dialogues

The selected texts will inform of style, sentence structure, and tone and how these connect to the purpose and meaning/effect of the story. There will be specific texts highlighting

- Lyrical Prose
- Focus on group rather than individual
- Narratology
- Use of symbols
- Individual and the collective voice
- Use of time
- Repetition
- Gender roles

Section C Non-Fiction

15 Marks

Discussions and assignments:

The students will be introduced to

- Forms of essays
- Memoirs
- Travelogues
- Report writing
- Literary journalism

Section D: Workshop(1000 --3000words)

20

Marks

- Discussing-- why you write, how you write, and what you hope to gain from this course.
- How is your writing different /similar to others?
- Reading stories by Writers-in-residence and by participants.
- Consider how this course has changed your writing skills.
- How has this course helped you to encourage reading of various texts?
- How has this course helped you to understand of literature?
- How have you grown as a writer?
- Discussion on Publication and Market.
- Prompt writings for each section.

Recommended Readings:

- *A Writer's Time: A guide to the creative process from vision through revision:* Kenneth Atchity
- *How do you Write a Great Work of Fiction:* Jennifer Egan
- *In the Palm of Your Hand: The Poet's Portable Workshop:* Steve Kowit
- *The Making of a Poem: A Norton Anthology of Poetic Forms* Eavan Boland and Mark Strand
- *Rhyme's Reason: A Guide to English Verse:* John Hollander

Semester IV

Paper 2: ENG-SE-4014 Translation: Principles and Practice

Credits: 4

Marks: 100 (80+20)

This course is designed to give students basic skills in translation. It introduces students to the field of translation studies and gives them training in practical translation.

Unit 1

(Marks: 30)

Translation in India:

History; challenges of translation in multilingual conditions; institutions promoting and commissioning translation; Landmarks of translation in different languages.

Types and Modes of translation:

- Intralingual, Interlingual and intersemiotic translation
- Free translation,
- Literal translation,
- Transcreation
- Communicative or functional translation
- Audio-visual translation

Concepts of Translation:

Accuracy, Equivalence, Adaptation, Dialect, Idiolect, Register, Style, subtitling, back-translation

Unit 2

(Marks: 50)

In this section questions may be in the nature of translation tests: short passages, speeches from the plays or a poem to be analysed and different aspects pointed out; and secondly to be translated into English from the original language

Practical translation activities:

a. Analyse texts translated into English keeping the above concepts, and especially that of equivalence, in mind, at the lexical (word) and syntactical (sentence) levels:

Novel : The Story of *Felanee* by Arupa Patangiya Kalita.

Play: The Fortress of Fire by Arun Sarma.

Poem: "Silt" by Nabakanta Barua, Trans. Pradip Acharya

Short Story: "Golden Girl" by Lakshminath Bezbarua, in the anthology *Splendour in the Grass*. Ed. Hiren Gohain.

b. Make a back translation into the original English

Short Story or passage from a text (Alice in Wonderland by Probina Saikia)

c. Subtitle a film (Assamese – Village Rockstars) (to be discussed in class, a sample shown and then used for internal assessment)

Resources for Practice:

- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias
- Thesaurus
- Glossaries
- Translation software

Suggested Readings:

- Baker, Mona, *In Other Words: A Coursebook on Translation*, Routledge, 2001. (Useful exercises for practical translation and training)
- Gargesh, Ravinder and Krishna Kumar Goswami. (Eds.). *Translation and Interpreting: Reader and Workbook*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2007.
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