

Department of English H.N.B. Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal)

SYLLABUS (Effective from 2013)

M. A. (English) Semesters I- IV Core and Elective Courses

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

M. A. COURSES

SEMESTER - I

English Literature from Geoffrey Chaucer Course I to John Milton (3 credits) Course II Drama Excluding Shakespeare (3 credits) Course III Early Humanists' Literature (3 credits) Course IV Literary Criticism 1 (3 credits) Course V **English Prose** (3 credits) (3 credits) Course VI American Literature **SEMESTER-II** Course VII William Shakespeare (3 credits) Course VIII Eighteenth Century Literature (3 credits) Literary Criticism 2 Course IX (3 credits) Course X English Romantic Poetry (3 credits) Course XI Nineteenth Century Literature (3 credits) Course XII Indian Writing in English (3 credits)

SEMESTER - III

Core Courses:

Course XIII	Twentieth Century Poetry	(3 credits)
Course XIV	Indian Texts and Poetics	(3 credits)
Course XV	Literary Criticism 3	(3 credits)

Elective Courses:

Course XVI Group (A)

(One of the following)

(a) Commonwealth Literature (3 credits)

(b) Translation Studies (3 credits)

Course XVII Group B

(One of the following)

(a) World Classics in Translation (3 credits)

(b) European Literature in Translation (3 credits)

Course XVIII Group (C)

(One of the following)

(a) Modern Indian Writing (3 credits)

(b) Indian Literature in Translation (3 credits)

SEMESTER - IV

Core Courses:

Course XIX Twentieth Century Drama (3 credits)

Course XX Colonial/Postcolonial Literatures

and Theory (3 credits)

Course XXI Modern Critical Thought (3 credits)

Elective Courses:

Course XXII Group (A)

(One of the following)

(a) Literature of the Indian Diaspora (3 credits)

(b) Special Study of Authors (3 credits)

(3 credits)

Course XXIII Group (B) (One of the following) (a) African and Afro-American Literature (3 credits) (3 credits) (b) Literature and Gender Dissertation & Viva Voce Course XXIV (3 credits) **Self Study Courses:** 1. Language and Linguistics. (3 credits) 2. Popular Literature (such as the writings of Chetan Bhagat, Ruskin Bond, J. K. Rowling and A. P. J. Abdul Kalam). (3 credits) 3. English writings of Indian national leaders (such as M. K. Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan). (3credits) 4. Literature and Films. (3 credits)

5. Literature and Theatre

M.A. (English)

Syllabus

M.A. (Part I)

SEMESTER - I

Core Courses

Course I SACL/Eng/C-101

English Literature from Geoffrey Chaucer to John Milton

Unit I: *Geofrrey Chaucer The Canterbury Tales: 'The General Prologue'

Unit II: Edmund Spenser The Faerie Queen, Book I

Unit III: *William Shakespeare Sonnets 18, 29, 110, 116, 130

Unit IV: *John Donne 'A Valediction: of my Name on the Window', 'Canonization',

'Death Be Not Proud'

Unit V: John Milton Paradise Lost, Book I

Course II SACL/Eng/C-102

Drama excluding Shakespeare

Unit I: *Christopher Marlowe Doctor Faustus

Unit II: Ben Jonson The Alchemist

Unit III: *John Webster The Duchess of Malfi

Unit IV: William Congreve The Way of the World

Unit V: *G. B. Shaw Man and Superman

Course III SACL/Eng/C-103

Early Humanists' Literature

Unit I: Renaissance Humanism: General Background

Unit II: Thomas More Utopia

Unit III: Niccolò Machiavelli The Prince

^{*} For detailed study. Passages for explanation will be set from the prescribed texts.

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Unit IV: Michel de Montaigne: The Essays: A Selection: 'On fear', 'On Solitude', 'On

Prayer,' 'On the affection of fathers for their children'

Unit V: Desiderius Erasmus: Praise of Folly

Course IV SACL/Eng/C-104 Literary Criticism 1

Unit I: Plato Republic, Book X

Unit II: Aristotle Poetics

Unit III: Longinus On the Sublime

Unit IV: Philip Sydney An Apology for Poetry

Unit V: John Dryden An Essay of Dramatic Poesy

Course V SACL/Eng/C-105 English Prose

Unit I: *Francis Bacon 'Of Truth,' 'Of Studies', 'Of Simulation and Dissimulation',

'Of Marriage and Single Life', 'Of Travel'

Unit II: *Charles Lamb 'Dream Children: A Reverie', 'All Fools Day', 'New

Year's Eve'

Unit III: William Hazlitt 'The Indian Jugglers', 'On The Ignorance of the Learned', 'On

Going a Journey'

Unit IV: *Joseph Addison The Spectator: 'The Spectator's Account of Himself', 'Of the

Club', 'Sir Roger at Home', 'On Ghosts and Apparitions'

Unit V: John Ruskin Unto This Last

Course VI SACL/Eng/C-106 American Literature

Unit I: *Ralf Waldo Emerson American Scholar

Unit II: *Walt Whitman 'On the Beach at Night', 'One's Self I Sing,' 'I Celebrate

Myself', 'Animals'

*Robert Frost 'Mending Wall', 'The Road Not Taken', 'Birches'

^{*} For detailed study. Passages for explanation will be set from the prescribed texts.

Emily Dickinson 'Success is Counted Sweetest', 'The Soul Selects her Own

Society', 'Because I could not stop for Death', 'A Light Exists in

Spring'

Unit III: Mark Twain The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Unit IV: Hawthorne The Scarlet Letter

Unit V: Eugene O'Neill The Hairy Ape

SEMESTER - II

Core Courses

Course VII SACL/Eng/C-201

William Shakespeare

Unit I: *Hamlet

Unit II: King Lear

Unit III: *The Tempest

Unit IV: The Merchant of Venice

Unit V: *King Henry IV, Part 1

Course VIII SACL/Eng/C-202

Eighteenth Century Literature

Unit I: *Alexander Pope The Rape of the Lock

Unit II: *John Dryden Absalom and Achitophel

Unit III: Jonathan Swift Gulliver's Travels

Unit IV: Henry Fielding Tom Jones

Unit V: * William Collins 'Ode to Evening'

*Thomas Gray 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'

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Course IX SACL/Eng/C-203 Literary Criticism 2

Unit I: Samuel Johnson Preface to Shakespeare

Unit II: William Wordsworth Preface to Lyrical Ballads

Unit III: P. B. Shelley A Defence of Poetry
Unit IV: Mathew Arnold The Study of Poetry

Unit V: T. S. Eliot 'Tradition and Individual Talent', 'Hamlet and His

Problems', 'The Metaphysical Poets'

Course X SACL/Eng/C-204 English Romantic Poetry

Unit I: *William Wordsworth 'Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey',

'Solitary Reaper', 'Ode: Intimations of Immortality',

'The World Is Too Much with us'

Unit II: S.T. Coleridge 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', 'Kubla Khan',

'Dejection: An Ode'

Unit III: *John Keats 'Ode to a Nightingale', 'Ode to Autumn', 'Ode on a Grecian

Urn,' 'Ode on Melancholy'

Unit IV: *P.B. Shelley 'Ode to the West Wind'

Unit V: William Blake Songs of Innocence: 'The Lamb', 'The Chimney Sweeper', 'The

Divine Image', 'Holy Thursday'

Songs of Experience: 'Earth's Answer', 'Holy Thursday', 'The

Chimney Sweeper', 'The Tyger'

Course XI SACL/Eng/C-205 Nineteenth Century Literature

Unit I: *Alfred Lord Tennyson 'The Lotos - Eaters', 'Tears, Idle Tears', 'The

Lady of Shallot', 'Morte d' Arthur'

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Unit II: *Robert Browning 'The Last Ride Together', 'Rabbi Ben Ezra', 'Andrea del Sarto', 'Prospice'

Unit III: *Mathew Arnold Scholar Gypsy

Unit IV: Thomas Hardy Jude the Obscure

Unit V: George Eliot Middlemarch

Course XII SACL/Eng/C-206

Indian Writing in English

Unit I: A.K. Ramanujan 'A River', 'Still Life', 'Small Scale Reflections on a Great House',

'The Striders'

Unit II: Nissim Ezekiel 'A Morning Walk', 'Case Study', 'Night of the Scorpion',

'Philosophy', 'Patriot'

Unit III: Sarojini Naidu 'The Indian Weavers', 'The Pardah Nashin'

Unit IV: Raja Rao The Serpent and The Rope

Unit V: Mulk Raj Anand Untouchable

M.A. Final

SEMESTER - III

Core Courses

Course XIII SACL/Eng/C-301

Twentieth Century Poetry

Unit I: *W. B. Yeats 'The Second Coming', 'Sailing to Byzantium', 'When You are

Old'

Unit II: *T. S. Eliot 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock', *The Waste Land*

Unit III: *W. H. Auden 'In Memory of W.B. Yeats', 'Lay your sleeping head, My

Love'

^{*} For detailed study. Passages for explanation will be set from the prescribed texts.

Unit IV: Stephen Spender 'I Think Continually', 'An Elementary School Classroom in

a Slum', 'The Truly Great'

Unit V: Gerald Manley Hopkins 'The Wreck of the Deutschland'

* For detailed study. Passages for explanation will be set from the prescribed texts.

Course XIV SACL/Eng/C-302

Indian Texts and Poetics

Unit I: Bharatamuni The Natyashashtra: Chapters VI and VII On the aesthetics

of rasa and bhava

Unit II: Anandavardhana The Theory of Dhvani

Unit III: Kalidasa Abhigyanshakuntalam

Unit IV: Rabindranath Tagore Gitanjali: Songs III, XI, XIII, XX, XXVIII, XXXV,

XXXVI, LXIII, LXXIII

Unit V: Premchand Sahitya Ka Uddeshya ('The Aim of Literature') in *The*

Oxford India Premchand, with an introduction by

Francesca Orsini

Course XV SACL/Eng/C-303

Literary Criticism 3

Unit I: New Criticism/ Formalism

Unit II: Structuralism and Poststructuralism

Unit III: Marxism

Unit IV: New Historicism

Unit V: Cultural Materialism

Recommended Reading:

Bennett, Tony. 1979. Formalism and Marxism. London: Methuen.

Brannigan, John. 1998. *New Historicism and Cultural Materialism*. London: Macmillan.

Connor, Steven. 1997. Postmodernist Culture: An Introduction to Theories of the Contemporary, 2nd edn. Oxford: Blackwell.

Culler, Jonathan. 1983. *On Deconstruction: Theory and Criticism After Structuralism*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.

Eagleton, Terry. 1976. Marxism and Literary Criticism. London: Routledge.

Gallagher, Catherine and Stephen Greenblatt. 2000. *Practising New Historicism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Mulhern, Francis, ed. 1992. *Contemporary Marxist Literary Criticism*. London: Longman.

Norris, Christopher. 2002. Deconstruction: Theory and Practice. New York: Routledge.

Veeser, H. Aram, ed. 1994. The New Historicism Reader. New York: Routledge.

Elective Courses

Course XVI- Group (A)

(One of the following)

SACL/Eng/C-304(a)

Commonwealth Literature

Unit I: A.D. Hope 'Australia', 'The Wandering Islands', 'Imperial Adam', 'Moschus

Moschiferus', 'On an Engraving by Casserius'

Unit II: Patrick White A Fringe of Leaves

Unit III: George Lamming In the Castle of My Skin

Unit IV: Margaret Atwood Surfacing

Unit V: Kamala Markandaya Nectar in a Sieve

SACL/Eng/C-304 (b) Translation Studies

Unit I: Nature and scope of translation. Concept of translation in the West and in the Indian

tradition.

Unit II: Issues in translation: autonomy, linguistic, textual and cultural equivalence,

transcreation, inter-cultural transference, translation as metatext.

Unit III: Translation theories.

Unit IV: The Cultural Turn in Translation Studies.

Unit V: Translation and Multilingualism.

Recommended Reading:

Bassnett, Susan. 2002. Translation Studies. London: Routledge.

Bassnett, Susan. 1993. *Comparative Literature: A Critical Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Bassnett, Susan and Andre Lefevere. 1998. *Constructing Cultures: Essays on Literary Translation*. Clevedon: Multilingual Matters.

Bassnett, S. and Trivedi, H. Eds. 1999. *Post-colonial Translation: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge.

Baker, M. ed., 1998. Routledge Encyclopedia of Translation Studies. London: Routledge.

Barnstone, W. 1993. *The Poetics of Translation: History, Theory, Practice.* Yale: Yale University Press.

Benjamin, W. 1970. The task of the translator (H. Zohn, trans.). In W. Benjamin (H. Arendt, ed.) *Illuminations* (pp. 69-82). London: Fontana.

Chaudhuri, Sukanta. 1999. Translation and Understanding, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Mukharjee, Sujit. 1981. Translation As Discovery. New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 1981.

Niranjana, Tejaswani, 1992. Siting Translation: History, Post-Structuralism, and the Colonial Context, University of California Press

Venuti, Lawrence ed. 2000. The Translation Studies Reader, London: Routledge

Course XVII – Group (B)

(One of the following)

SACL/Eng/C-305 (a) World Classics in Translation

Unit I: Sophocles Antigone

Unit II: Ovid *Metamorphoses*: 'Appollo and Dephne', 'Echo and Narcissus',

'Orpheus and Euridyce'

Unit III: Virgil Aeneid

Unit IV: Dante The Divine Comedy: 'Inferno'

Unit V: Valmiki *The Ramayana*: 'The Balakanda'

SACL/Eng/C-305 (b)

European Literature in Translation

Unit I: Leo Tolstoy Anna Karenina

Unit II: Rainer Maria Rilke The Duino Elegies: 'The First Elegy', 'The Second

Elegy', 'The Third Elegy', 'The Fourth Elegy'

Unit III: Moliere The Misanthrope

Unit IV: Nikolai Gogol Dead Souls

Unit V: Franz Kafka The Trial

Course XVIII – Group (C)

(One of the following)

SACL/Eng/C-306 (a) Modern Indian Writing

Unit I: Salman Rushdie Midnight's Children

Unit II: Girish Karnad Tughlaq

Unit III: Arundhati Roy The God of Small Things

Unit IV: Arun Kolhatkar 'Woman', 'Irani Restaurant, Bombay', 'Biograph', 'Jejury,' in

Oxford Anthology of Twelve Modern Indian Poets, edited by

Arvind Krishna Mehrotra

Unit V: A. K. Ramanujan 'Is there an Indian Way of Thinking?' An Informal Essay,' in *The*

Collected Essays of A. K. Ramanujan

Amartya Sen 'Indian Traditions and the Western Imagination', in Amartya Sen,

The Argumentative Indian

Recommended Reading:

Dharwadker, Vinay. ed. 1999. *The Collected Essays of A. K. Ramanujan*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Iyengar, K R Srinivasa. 1962. *Indian Writing in English*, Sterling Publications, New Delhi, 1962.

Mehrotra, Arvind Krishna. 2008. *A Concise History of Indian Literature in English*. Ranikhet: Permanent Black.

Sen, Amartya. 2005. *The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity*. London: Allen Lane Penguin Books.

SACL/Eng/C-306 (b) Indian Literature in Translation

Unit I: Premchand Godan

Unit II: O. Chandumenon Indulekha

Unit III: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay Anandamath

Unit IV: U. R. Ananthamurthy Samskara

Unit V: Shrilal Shukla Raag Darbari

SEMESTER - IV

Core Courses

Course XIX SACL/Eng/C-401

Twentieth Century Drama

Unit I: Bertolt Brecht Mother Courage and Her Children

Unit II: Samuel Becket Waiting for Godot

Unit III: Arthur Miller Death of a Salesman

Unit IV: G. B. Shaw Candida

Unit V: T. S. Eliot Murder in the Cathedral

Course XX SACL/Eng/C-402

Colonial/Postcolonial Literatures and Theory

Unit I: M. K. Gandhi Hind Swaraj

Unit II: Joseph Conrad Heart of Darkness

Unit III: Edward Said From *Orientalism*: 'The Scope of Orientalism'

Unit IV: Aijaj Ahmad 'Literary Theory and Third World

Literature'

Unit V: Homi Bhabha 'Of Mimicry and man: The ambivalence of

Colonial Discourse'

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak 'Can the Subaltern Speak?'

Recommended Reading:

Ahmad, Aijaz. 1992. In Theory: Classes, Nations, Literatures. London: Verso.

Ashcroft, Bill, Gareth Griffiths and Helen Tiffin, eds. 1989. *The Empire Writes Back*. London: Routledge.

Ashcroft, Bill, Gareth Griffiths and Helen Tiffin, eds. 1995. *The Post-Colonial Studies Reader*. London: Routledge.

Bhabha, Homi K. 1994. The Location of Culture. London and New York: Routledge

Boehmer, Elleke. 1995. Colonial and Postcolonial Literature: Migrant Metaphors. Oxford, UK: Oxford UP.

Fanon, Frantz. 1967. *The Wretched of the Earth*, trans. Constance Farrington. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Gandhi, Leela. 1998. Postcolonial Theory: A Critical Introduction. New York: Columbia UP.

Gates, Henry Louis, Jr, ed. 1986. 'Race', Writing, and Difference. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Gates, Henry Louis, Jr, 1988. *The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Goldberg, David Theo & Ato Quayson, eds., 2002. Relocating Postcolonialism. Oxford: Blackwell.

Gregory Castle, ed., 2001. Postcolonial Discourses. Oxford: Blackwell.

Harrison, Nicholas. 2003. *Postcolonial Criticism: History, Theory and the Work of Fiction*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

King, Bruce, 1996. New National and Post-Colonial Literatures: An Introduction. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Loomba, Ania. 1998. Colonialism/Postcolonialism. London: Routledge.

McLeod, John, 2010. Beginning Postcolonialism. Manchester.

Peter Childs & R. J. Patrick Williams, 1997. *An Introduction to Post-colonial Theory*. NY: Prentice Hall; London: Harvester Wheatsheaf.

Peter Childs, ed., 1999. Post-Colonial Theory and English Literature: A Reader. Edinburgh UP.

Said, Edward W. 1978. *Orientalism*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.

Course XXI SACL/Eng/C-403 Modern Critical Thought

Unit I: Walter Benjamin 'The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction'

Unit II: Mikhail Bakhtin 'Epic and Novel' in *The Dialogic Imagination*

Unit III: Michel Foucault 'What is an Author?'

Unit IV: Raymond Williams From *Marxism and Literature*, Cultural Theory: 'Hegemony'

'Traditions, Institutions, and Formations' 'Dominant, Residual

Emergent'

Unit V: Louis Althusser 'Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses'

Recommended Reading:

Arendt Hannah, 1973. *Illuminations*. London: Fontana.

Bakhtin, M.M. 1981. *The Dialogic Imagination: Four Essays*, trans. M. Holquist and C. Emerson. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Bhabha, Homi K. 1994. The Location of Culture. London and New York: Routledge.

During, Simon. 1992. Foucault and Literature: Towards a Genealogy of Writing. London: Routledge.

Eagleton, Terry. 1996. *Literary Theory: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Foucault, Michel. 1979. 'What Is an Author?' in *Textual Strategies: Perspectives in Post-Structuralist Criticism*, ed. Josué V. Harari. London: Methuen.

Lodge, David and Nigel Wood, eds. 1998. *Modern Criticism and Theory: A Reader*. Essex: Pearson Education Limited.

Montag, Warren. 2003. Louis Althusser. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Williams, Raymond. 1997. Marxism and Literature. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Elective Courses

Course XXII- Group (A)

(One of the following)

SACL/Eng/C-404(a)

Literature of the Indian Diaspora

Unit I: Bharati Mukherjee Jasmine

Unit II: Jhumpa Lahiri Namesake

Unit III: Amitav Ghosh Shadow Lines

Unit IV: Rohinton Mistry A Fine Balance

Unit V: V. S. Naipaul A House for Mr. Biswas

SACL/Eng/C-404 (b) Special Study of Authors (Any one of the following)

Jane Austen Charles Dickens D. H. Lawrence Virginia Woolf E. M. Forster

Course XXIII – Group (B)

(One of the following)

SACL/Eng/C-405 (a)

African and Afro-American Literature

Unit I: Chinua Achebe Things Fall Apart

Unit II: Harriet Beecher Stowe Uncle Tom's Cabin

Unit III: Langston Hughes 'Dreams Deferred,' 'As I Grow Older,' Advertisement For

the Woldorf Astoria,' 'The Negro Mother,' The Negro

Speaks of Rivers'

Unit IV: Martin Luther King 'I Have a Dream': Text of Public Speech delivered on

August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington DC

during the Civil Rights March

Unit V: Tony Morrison Beloved

SACL/Eng/C-405 (b) Literature and Gender

Unit I: Mary Wollstonecraft A Vindication of the Rights of Woman

Unit II: Virginia Woolf A Room of One's Own

Unit III: Elaine Showalter Toward a Feminist Poetics

Unit IV: Judith Butler Gender Trouble: 'Subjects of Sex/Gender/Desire'

Unit V: Mahasweta Devi Douloti

Recommended Reading:

Butler, Judith. 1990. *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. London: Routledge.

Devi, Mahasweta, 1995. Imaginary Maps, tr. & ed. by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. London: Routledge

Gilbert, Sandra M. and Susan Gubar. 1979. *The Madwoman in the Attic: The Woman Writer and the Nineteenth-Century Literary Imagination*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Millett, Kate. 1969. Sexual Politics. London: Rupert Hart-Davis.

Mills, Sara, ed. 1994. Gendering the Reader. Hemel Hempstead: Harvester Wheatsheaf.

Moi, Toril. 1985. *Sexual/Textual Politics: Feminist Literary Theory*. London: Routledge.

Showalter, Elaine. 1977. A Literature of Their Own: British Women Novelists from Brontë to Lessing. New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

Showalter, Elaine, ed. 1989. Speaking of Gender. London: Routledge.

Warhol, Robyn R. and Diane Price Herndl, eds. 1997. Feminisms: An Anthology of Literary Theory and Criticism. London: Macmillan.

Course XXIV - Dissertation & Viva Voce

Self Study Courses:

One of the following courses (one is mandatory, and the maximum is three) to be taken up in Semesters II/III/IV. The Heads/ conveners of English departments of campuses / affiliated colleges shall prepare the course structures for their candidates with the approval of the Head of the Department of English, H. N. B. Garhwal University.

- 1 Language and Linguistics.
- 2 Popular Literature (such as the writings of Chetan Bhagat, Ruskin Bond, J. K. Rowling and A. P. J. Abdul Kalam).
- 3 English writings of Indian national leaders (such as M. K. Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan).
- 4 Literature and Films.
- 5 Literature and Theatre.

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