

## 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 Banarasidass, 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)**

Introduction: 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 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5: 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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)**

- 16<sup>th</sup> century prose (John Foxe, Hooker, Hakluyt, Burton, Bacon)
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Prose (Essays, Criticism, Scientific Prose, Life Writing)
  - Lamb, Hazlitt, de Quincey,
  - Wollstonecraft, Godwin
  - Coleridge, Wordsworth,

- Darwin
- Carlyle, Ruskin, Pater, Arnold
- Lytton Strachey
- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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* (7<sup>th</sup> edition, 2009)
- *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* (All volumes - for library )(10<sup>th</sup> edition, 2018)

### **Paper 6: 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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: ‘The Necklace’

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>Edn.) 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](http://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/](http://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.