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SEMESTER I

DSCC	Understanding Literature and Society	L	T	P	C			
DSCC	Understanding Literature and Society	4	0	0	4			
Pre-requisite:	Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level							

Course Objectives:

- Enable students to discover the function of literature and its reflection to society.
- Make them sensitive and aware of Literature as more than just a historical or cultural artifact.
- Make them understand the remarkable changes literature has gone through with regard to its themes and styles.

Course Outcome:

After successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Explain basic understanding of literature and its importance.
- Discuss how literature has influenced society.
- Describe how the historical contexts influence the works of literature.

Module 1: History of English Literature: An Overview

16 hours

Introduction to literature, its relation to society and the changing course of literature through the history, Forms and genres prominent within the respective periods.

The Beginnings of English (Old and Middle English)

The Renaissance

Restoration to Romanticism

Module 2: Romantic Period to Contemporary Literature

15 hours

Romantic Period

The Nineteenth Century

Twentieth Century to Contemporary History of English Literature

Module 3: Sub-Genres of Novel

15 hours

Social and Cultural Context of the Novel: Rise of the novel in Europe and the emergence of print, the expansion of literacy, and how it travelled to other parts of the world.

The emerging sub-genres of the novel: the comic, the picaresque, the historical novel and the realist novel. The linkage of the novel to the colonial project and its influence on world literature.

Module 4: Introduction to literary terms and concepts

14 hours

Types of figures of speech (metaphor, simile, alliteration, metonymy, synecdoche, personification, apostrophe, oxymoron, hyperbole, pun, alliteration, onomatopoeia anaphora, assonance, euphuism, irony, synecdoche, understatements)

Total Lecture hours 60 hours

Text Book(s)

- 1. M.H. Abrams, A Glossary of Literary Terms, 8th Edition. Wadsworth Pub Co, 2004.
- Ronald Carter and John McRae, *The Routledge History of Literature in English: Britain and Ireland*, 2nd Edition. Routledge, 2016.
 - Leah Price, The Anthology and the Rise of the Novel: From Richardson to George Eliot.



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- 1. Paul Hernadi, "Literature and Evolution." *Substance*, Vol. 30, No. 1/2, Issue 94/95: 55-71, 2001.
- 2. Edward Albert, *History of English Literature*. 8th Edition. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- 3. Charles I. Glicksberg, *Literature and Society*. Martinus, 1972.
- 4. Andrew Milner, *Literature, Culture and Society*. NYU, 1996.



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DSCC	Indian Writing in English	L	T	P	C
DSCC	Indian Writing in English	4	0	0	4

Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level

Course Objectives:

- To introduce students to major movements and figures of Indian Literature in English through the study of selected literary texts.
- Enable them to place these texts within the discourse of postcoloniality and understand Indian literary productions in English in relation to the hegemonic processes of colonialism, neo-colonialism, nationalism and globalization.
- Allow the students to situate this corpus within its various historical and ideological contexts.

Course Outcome:

After successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Discuss the evolution of Indian Writing in English.
- Analyze the study of Indian writing in English from the perspectives of multiple Indian subjectivities.
- Appraise Indian ethos found in the representative texts.

Module 1: Indian Writing in English: A Historical Overview

15 hours

Brief history of Indian Writing in English

Evolution from pre-independence to contemporary writings

Postcolonial writings, Diasporic writings, Indian women Writings

Module 2: National Independence Movement and Partition Novels

15 hours

Rabindra Nath Tagore, Home and the World

(With reference to Amitabh Ghosh, *The Shadow Lines*)

Module 3: Dalit Writing

15 hours

Significance of Dalit Literature in Indian context, politics of representation, Dalit women writing

Om Prakash Valmiki, Joothan

Module 4: Indian English Poetry

15 hours

Kamala Das, "My Grandmother's House"

Nissim Ezekeil, "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S."

Jayanta Mahapatra, "Hunger"

Mamang Dai, "The Sorrow of Women"

Vikram Seth, "The Crocodile and the Monkey"

Arun Kolatkar, "The Bus"

Total Lecture hours 60 hours

Text Book(s)

- 1. Rabindra Nath Tagore, *Home and the World*, Penguin India (New edition), 2005.
- 2. Amitabh Ghosh, *The Shadow Lines*, Penguin Modern Classics, 2019.
- Om Prakash Valmiki's *Joothan: A Dalit's Life.* Trans. Arun Prabha Mukherjee. Bhatkal & Sen (Latest edition), 2007.

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1.	K.D. Verma, The Indian Imagination: Critical Essays on Indian Writing in English.
	Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.

- Meenakshi Mukherjee, *The Perishable Empire*. Oxford University Press, 2002.
- 2. Sharankumar Limbale and Alok Mukherjee, *Towards an Aesthetic of Dalit Literature:*Histories, Controversies and Consideration. Orient Longman, 2004.
- 3. Amar Nath Prasad and Bithika Sarkar, Critical Response to Indian Poetry in English. Sarup & Son, 2008.
- 4. Saswati Sengupta, Shampa Roy and Sharmila Purkayastha, *Towards Freedom: Critical Essays on Rabindranath Tagore's GhareBaire, The Home and the World.* Orient Longman, 2007.

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SEMESTER II

DSCC	Forms and Approaches to Literature	L 4	T 0	P 0	C 4		
Pre-requisite:	Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level						
Course Object	ctives: The objectives of this course are to enable the students to						
Prepa skills.Acqua	 Introduce students to a variety of genres and critical approaches to literature. Prepare them for upper-level English courses, in terms of interpretive and analytical skills. Acquaint them with the intricate interconnectedness between a literary text, author, reader and society. 						
Course Outco	·						
After success	ful completion of the course, the students will be able to						
 Expla methodallusion Differentexts. Apply 	 Explain key practices of interpretation by experimenting with a variety of readin methods and engaging with literary critical concepts like form, genre, mediun allusion, pattern, plot, and performance. Differentiate how the changes in critical approach yield different interpretations or 						
Module 1: A	pproaches to Literature and Literary Forms			15 ho	urs		
climax, fallin Elements of o	g a novel, novella, and short story and their elements (introduct g action, denouement/conclusion/resolution) drama, dramatic devices, and types of drama poetry, alliteration, assonance, figurative language, imagery						
Module 2: R	eading Novel and Short Stories			15 hc	ours		
Charlotte Bro	onte, Jane Eyre Gilman, "The Yellow Wallpaper"			10 110	, and		
Module 3: R	eading Drama			15 hc	ours		
Shakespeare,			'				
Module 4 : R	eading Poetry			15 hc	ours		
	Ode to a Nightingale"						
Alfred Lord	Γennyson, "The Lady of Shallot"						
	y, "Ode on a Death of a Favorite Cat"						
Nissim Ezeki							
	'No Second Troy"						
H.D., "Sea R	ose''						
Total Lecture	hours			60 ho	nire		
Text Book(s)				00 IIC	, WI D		
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1. Charlotte Bronte, *Jane Eyre*. Penguin Classics (Reprint Edition), 2006.

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- 2. William Shakespeare, *Othello*. Fingerprint, 2017.
- 3. Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*. Faber & Faber, 2010.
- 4. M.H. Abrams and Geoffrey Harpham, *A Glossary of Literary Terms*. Cengage India Private Limited (11th edition), 2015.

- 1. Sylvan Barnet and William Burto, *An Introduction to Literature: Fiction, Poetry, and Drama*. Pearson Longman, 2008.
 - K.D. Verma, The Indian Imagination: Critical Essays on Indian Writing in English.
- 2. Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.
- Pamela J. Annas and C. Rosen, Literature and Society: An Introduction to Fiction,
- 3. *Poetry, Drama, Nonfiction.* Prentice Hall, 2006.



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DSCC	Children's Literature	L	T	P	C			
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Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level								

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Course Objectives:

- To introduce students to the genre of children's literature through its history and development.
- To enable them to appreciate how children's literature helps children gain an understanding of diversity from multiple perspectives.
- To introduce them to a range of critical approaches that reveal complexity, sophistication, and surprises in these seemingly "simple" texts.
- To make them aware of interrelatedness of local, global, international, and intercultural issues, trends, and systems through the use of children's literature that addresses global issues

Course Outcome:

After successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Demonstrate their familiarity with major stages in the history and development of children's literature and characteristics of the genre.
- Identify canonical works in the genre of children's literature and their authors.
- Analyze and critically interpret children's texts in the genre of children's literature.

Module 1: Fantasy Fiction

15 hours

Brief history of fantasy fiction as a genre and its characteristics, modern fantasy literature, Lewis Carol's *Alice's Adventures in the Wonderland*

Module 2: Comedy and Pathos

15 hours

Charles Dicken's and the "dark corners" of children's literature, understanding comedy and pathos, Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist*

Module 3: Historical Fiction

18 hours

Historical Fiction and Indian national movement in progress, child's psychology and innocence, understanding diversity, equity and inclusion, R. K. Narayan's *Swami and Friends*

Module 4: Children's Comics

12 hours

Visual narrative theory and its pedagogical implications, *Amar Chitra Katha* and *The Adventures of Tintin*

Total Lecture hours

60 hours

Text Book(s)

- 1. Lewis Carol, *Alice's Adventures in the Wonderland*. 1st Edition, Mapple Press, 2011.
- 2. Charles Dickens, *Olivers Twist*, Illustrated Edition. Wordsworth Pvt, 1992.
- 3. R. K. Narayan, Swami and Friends, 1st Edition. Indian Thought Publication, 2008.
- 4. | Selected texts from *Amar Chitra Katha* (Mumbai, Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd.)
- 5. Selected texts from *The Adventures of Tintin* (UK: Egmont)

- 1. Peter Hunt, *Understanding Children's Literature*, 2nd Edition. Routledge, 2005.
- 2. Douglas A. Anderson, Tales Before Narnia: The Roots of Modern Fantasy and Science

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Fiction. Del Ray, 2008.

Philip Collins, Charles Dickens: The Critical Heritage. Routledge, 1971.

- 3. Jaydipsih Dodiya, Critical Essays on Indian Writing in English. Sarup & Son, 2008.
- 4. Michael Farr, Tintin: The Complete Companion. Hodder And Stoughton, 2001.

 5. Nilelski, Gasyami, "Idealasial History, Contacted Culture, and the Popular Contacted Culture, and the Popular
- Nilakshi Goswami, "Ideological History, Contested Culture, and the Politics of Representation in Amar Chitra Katha," *Status Quaestionis*, University of Rome, SQ 20(2021): 219-46, 2022.

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	SEMESTER III						
DSCC	Literary Theories: An Overview	L 4	T 0	P 0	C 4		
Pre-requisite	English language competence of 10+2 level	4	U	0	4		
	ctives: The objectives of this course are to enable the students to						
•	Understand different trends in literary theory						
• Acqu	aint themselves with some of the most influential thoughts and is	deol	ogies	of th	ie		
	mporary world ze, critique and situate literature within a larger context						
Course Outco	ome:						
After success	ful completion of the course, the students will be able to						
• Demo	onstrate an understanding of the importance of literary theory						
	in key literary theories that will enable them to engage mory texts	ore c	ritica	ally v	with		
	y conceptual understanding of fundamental literary concepts w	hich	stud	lents	can		
	in their analysis of literature						
Modulo 1. Ir	straduction to Literary Theory			15 hc			
	ntroduction to Literary Theory f the theoretical turn with its brief history and development			13 110	urs		
	ory: Origin, Evolution, and Current Status						
	and Differences between Literary Theory and Literary Criticism						
	Marxist Criticism			15 ho	ours		
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	eminist Criticism			12 h			
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discussions.	Room of One's Own Vincinia Woolf						
	Extracts from <i>Room of One's Own</i> , Virginia Woolf Extracts from <i>The Second Sex</i> , Simone de Beauvoir						
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	tructuralism, Poststructuralism, and Deconstruction			18 hc	ours		
1 *	t of Structuralism and Poststructuralism						
	Extracts from Course in General Linguistics, Ferdinand de Saussure						
	Michael Foucault, "Truth and Power" in Power/ Knowledge: Selected Interviews and Other						
Writings Lacques Derr	Jacques Derrida, "Structure, Sign, and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences," Writing						
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Total Lecture				60 hc	ours		

Text Book(s)

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- 1. Antonio Gramsci, *The Modern Prince and Other Writings*, International Publishers & Co, 1989.
- 2. Louis Althusser, *Lenin and Philosophy and Other Essays*, Aakar Books, 2016.
- 3. Virginia Woolf, *Room's of One's Own*. Fingerprint, 2016.
- 4. Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex.* Vintage, 2010.
- 5. Ferdinand de Saussure, *Course in General Linguistics*. Forgotten Books, 2018.
- 6. Roland Barthes. *Image Music Text*, Fontana Press, 1993.
- 7. Michael Foucault, *Power/Knowledge: Selected Interviews and Other Writings*, 1983.
- 8. Jacques Derrida, Writing and Difference, Trans. Alan Bass. Vintage, 2001.

- 1. Leitch, Vincent B, *The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism*. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc, 2001.
- 2. Peter Barry, *Beginning Theory*. Viva Books, 2010.

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DCCC	Litanature of Disanous Cardias	L	T	P	С
DSCC	Literature of Diaspora Studies	4	0	0	4

Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level

Course Objectives: The objectives of this course are to enable the students to

- Understand the social, cultural, political, and economic implications of the movement and transnational settlement of people around the globe through fiction
- Study Diaspora narrative against the backdrop of political, gender, race, religious and identity issues.
- Comprehend the differences between the different diasporas

Course Outcome:

After successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Demonstrate awareness about the field of Diaspora and Migration literature and theory
- Analyze diaspora narrative against the backdrop of political, gender, race, religious and identity issues.
- Identify and distinguish the differences between the various diasporas

Module 1: Diaspora & Transnationalism

18 hours

Literature of the Diaspora: Characteristic features of Diasporic Literature in English – nostalgia, pain, alienation and identification; issues of racism; literary innovations such as magic realism; allegory, diasporic re-possessions/re-writings of history and the nation; outsider/insider view on homeland and host land; hybridity and hyphenation of identities.

Module 2: Postcolonial Diaspora

12 hours

Development of Indian Diaspora

Postcolonial emergence and the concept of global English

Arvind Adiga, White Tiger

Module 3: Trade or Labor Diasporas

15 hours

Indentured history and diaspora poetics

Colonialism, oppression and escape

V.S. Naipaul, A House for Mr. Biswas

Module 4: Victim Diaspora

15 hours

Introduction to graphic novels and visual culture

Art Spiegelman, The Complete Maus

Total Lecture hours

60 hours

Text Book(s)

- 1. Arvind Adiga, *White Tiger*, Harper Collins, 2008.
- 2. V.S. Naipaul, A House for Mr. Biswas, Picador, 2022.
- 3. Art Spiegelman, *The Complete Maus*, 2003.

- 1. Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths, Helen Tiffin, *Post-Colonial Studies: The Key Concepts, Routledge* (3rd Edition), 2013.
- 2. Robin Cohen, Global Diasporas: An Introduction, University of Washington Press, 1997.



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Mishra, Vijay, *The Literature of the Indian Diaspora: Theorizing the Diasporic* 3. *Imaginary*, Routledge, 2007.

Homi K. Bhabha, *The Location of Culture*, Routledge Classics, 2004.



MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE FOR UG PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

MDC	MDC Linguistics and the Study of Literature	L	T	P	C
MIDC	Eniguistics and the Study of Enterature	3	0	0	3

Pre-requisite: English language competence of 10+2 level

Course Objectives: The objectives of this course are to enable the students to

- Understand and use linguistic methods in analyzing novels and poems.
- Provide a broad interdisciplinary perspective on work in literature and linguistics.
- Recognize the interconnectedness and relevance of linguistic and literature for overall understanding of language.

Course Outcome:

After the completion of the course, students would be able to

- Explain the fundamental understanding of the basic nature, branches and history of linguistics.
- Evaluate the relationship between literature and society.
- Demonstrate the application of linguistics on literature and other related disciplines.

Module 1: An Introduction to Linguistics

14 hours

Definition of Linguistics and an outline of the history of Linguistic.

Branches of Linguistics: Phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, sociolinguistics, semantics, pragmatics, and stylistics.

New trends in Linguistics: ethnolinguistics, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics and so on.

Module 2: Understanding Literature

10 hours

Literature and its relation to society

Language of literature as an object of enquiry

Literary analysis of the novel Kanthapura by Raja Rao

Module 3: Importance of Linguistics in Literature

12 hours

Relation and differences between Linguistics and Literature

Linguistic analysis of the novel Kanthapura

Relation between linguistic and literary analysis of the novel

Module 4:Linguistic Analysis in Poetry

9 hours

"Very Indian Poem in Indian English," Nissim Ezekiel

Linguistic analysis of the poem: contextual level of analysis and extra-textual information Relevant patterns of grammatic and phonological structure (stress, rhyme, intonation, syllable structure, and so on)



Tot	al Lecture hours	45 hours			
Tex	t Book(s)				
1.	John Lyons, Language and Linguistics: An Introduction. Cambridge Univer 1981.	sity Press,			
2.	2. Raja Rao, <i>Kanthapura</i> . Penguin, Modern Classics, 2014.				
3.	3. Paul Simson, <i>Stylistics: A Resource Book for Students</i> . Routledge, 2014.				
Ref	erence Books				
1.	David Crystal, A Dictionary of Linguistics and Phonetics. Blackwell Pub Malde	n, 2008.			
2.	Nigel Fabb, Linguistics and Literature. Wiley Blackwell, 1997.				
3.	Margaret Drabble, The Oxford Companion to English Literature. Oxford University Press,				
	2008.				