

COURSE OUTCOME

FOR

B. A. IN ENGLISH UNDER CBCS

TOTAL MARKS: 100

(EXTERNAL: 80 INTERNAL: 20)





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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.

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.

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.

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.

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Paper 5: ENG-HC-3016 History of English Literature and Forms

Credits: 5 (Theory) +1 (Tutorial)

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

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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.

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.

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. Head

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

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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.





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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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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.

Semester V

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.

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.

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.

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. Department of English

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

Marks: 80 (End-Semester Examination) + 20 (Internal Assessment) maria Anchalik College 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.

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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.

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 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.

Paper 2: ENG-HG-1026 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

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Semester II (Any One)

Paper 3: ENG-HG-2016 Modern Indian Literature

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

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

The paper on Modern Indian Literature comprises 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.





Paper 4: ENG-HG-2026 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.

Semester III (Any One)

Paper 5: ENG-HG-3016 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.

Paper 6: ENG-HG-3026 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.

Semester IV (Any One)

Paper 7: ENG-HG-4016 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 it 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.

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Paper 8: ENG-HG-4026 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.

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.

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.

ENG-SE-5014 Technical Writing

Credits: 4 Marks: 100 (80+20)

This course in Technical Writing aims at equipping the student with the skills of writing with a practical purpose. It is concerned with the techniques of good writing, of retaining and communicating information with precision, and also with specific forms of technical Head
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ENG-RE-5016 Soft Skills

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial)

Marks: 100 (80+20)

Course Objectives: The purpose of this Course is to equip students with the resources of soft skills so as to develop their overall personality. With this aim the course is designed to make the learners understand. contents of soft skills through instructions, knowledge acquisition, demonstration and practice. In effect this course hopes to improve the students' communication, interaction, writing and documentation skills and thereby hone their confidence level.





ENG-RG-5016 Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Credits: 5 (Theory) + 1 (Tutorial) =6 Marks: 100 (80+20)

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.

DSE I-B ENG-RE-6016 Academic Writing

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

Marks: 100 (80+20)

The English language is the language of higher education as well as the language used in a variety of formal settings. Hence students are expected to develop the requisite proficiency in academic writing which involves the ability to write summaries, abstracts, reviews, reports, conference /seminar presentations etc. This paper is aimed at developing academic writing skills by acquainting students with the different kinds of academic writing and the skills to be acquired to write academic English for various purposes; it will also give them practice in the processes involved in producing pieces of good academic writing. The paper consists of two modules -module 1 and module 2.

GE II: ENG-RG-6016 Cultural Diversity

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

Marks: 100 (80+20)

This paper is designed to facilitate the student's engagement with and understanding of cultural contexts, situations and the rich variety of practices through a sampling of such texts that represent the widely textured tapestry emanating from different locations of the world.

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ENG-SE-6014 Business Communication

Credits: 4 Marks: 100 (80+20)

This paper is designed to familiarize students with a comprehensive idea of effective communication and its importance in the business and professional world. Students will be introduced to the various kinds of communication as well as to the many theories of communication. The components in this paper will be both written and oral, and students will be required to participate in diverse group activities. Activities (individual and/or group) on the spoken components of the paper will be considered for internal assessment in this paper, while the end-semester examination will focus on the theoretical and written elements of the paper. The end-semester examination for this paper will be of 80 marks and internal assessment will be of 20 marks. Head English
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This paper will focus on the following key topics:

- Introduction to the essentials of Business Communication: Theory and practice
- · Citing references, and using bibliographical and research tools
- Structure, vocabulary, pronunciation, and comprehension skills
- · Writing résumés and facing interviews
- · Report writing · Writing memos and circulars · Summarizing annual report of companies · Précis writing · Writing minutes of meetings • E-correspondence • Group discussion • Spoken English for business communication • Making oral presentations. There will be 80 marks for the end-semester external examination and 20 marks will be allotted for internal evaluation.

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