University of Allahabad  
Dept of English & MEL, Faculty of Arts  
MA (English Literature) New Syllabus (wef 2016)  

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Course Code Abbreviations

- PELC – P G English Core (Begins from number 501)
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Note:
Number of hours/periods per Core subject per semester – 5 Days x 15 weeks = 75

Number of hours/periods per Elective subject per semester – 4 Days x 15 weeks = 60
A List of Electives

Note: The List of Operative Electives will be circulated at the beginning of the Semester as per availability of teachers in the department. There will be a capping of 35 students for each Elective in a semester. It will be compulsory for a student opting for an Elective in Optional I of Semester III to study the same Elective as Optional I in Semester IV.

Semester III

Optional I – Paper II Group A

1. Colonial and Postcolonial Studies I
2. Nature and Literature I (Ecopoetics)
3. Irish Literature – I
4. Gender Studies I
5. Theatre in India – I
6. Poetry in India – I
7. Fiction in India – I
8. Existentialism and Literature – I
10. Modern European Drama I

Optional II (Single Paper) – Paper III Group B

1. Children’s Literature
2. Partition Literature
3. African Studies
4. Revolution in Literary Fiction
5. Indian Poetics
6. Autobiography, Biography
7. African American Literature
8. Comparative Literature
9. Confessional Poetry

**Semester IV**

**Optional I - Paper II Group C**

*(All second papers of Optional I of Semester III)*

1. Colonial and Postcolonial Studies II
2. Nature and Literature II (Nature Writing)
3. Irish Literature – II
4. Gender Studies II
5. Theatre in India – II
6. Poetry in India – II
7. Fiction in India – II
8. Existentialism and Literature – II
9. Modern European Drama II
10. Linguistics, Phonetics and Modern Grammar – II

**Optional II (Single Author) - Paper III Group D**

1. Rushdie
2. Lawrence
3. Shakespeare
4. Milton
5. T.S. Eliot
6. Virginia Woolf
7. Robert Browning
8. Hardy
9. Dickens
10. O’Neill
11. Vikram Seth
12. A.K. Ramanujan
ASSESSMENT MANUAL

( Semester - 1 )

2 Tests

T-1 – August (end), T-2 November (end)

15 marks           15 marks

The better of the two

(a)  T-1 :  3 marks per period = 5x3= 15 marks
(b)  T-2 :  3 marks per period = 5x3= 15 marks

Each teacher will evaluate all the students of a period and section out of 3 marks. This will add up to 15 marks.

The best of these two tests will be considered. The same formula applies to all the five cores= 15x5= 75 marks.

Mid- semester( September)

5 marks per period = 5x5 = 25 marks

Each teacher will evaluate all the students of a period and section out of 5 marks. This will add up to 25 marks.

The same formula applies to all the five cores= 25x5= 125 marks.

Seminar

Each teacher of each seminar group will assess only that group for 10x5= 50 marks covering all the papers.

The grand total of internal assessment will be 75+125+50* = 250 marks which is 50% of the spring semester total marks.

There will be fifteen seminar groups with approximately 18 students in each group. Each faculty member in each seminar group will assess each student for 10x5=50 marks through a short written test during the semester.

End Semester (December)

10 marks per period = 10x5= 50 marks

Each teacher will evaluate all the students of a period and section out of 10 marks. This will add up to 50 marks. The same formula applies to all the 5 cores.

= 50x5 = 250 marks.
Note 1:
These 250 marks will be added to the earlier 250 already assessed
= 250 + 250 = 500 marks.

Note 2
The question paper for the End semester exam will cover the course covered between the Mid Semester and the End semester.
Semester I


Objectives

- To acquaint the student with the work of significant critics from Aristotle to the present time.
- To familiarize him/her with important critical movements
- To give him/her first-hand knowledge of some of the works of the great critics
- To enable him/her to apply principles of criticism to literary texts
- To enable him/her to undertake further reading in critical movements and critical theory.

Section A

This section will cover the significant ideas of:


Section B

This section will include the Study of:

The Nature of literature
Form and Content
Poetry and Belief
Types of Criticism
Neoclassical Criticism
Romantic and Impressionistic Criticism
Modernist Criticism

Section C

Practical Criticism
Paper II - Core British Literature  

Objectives:

- To provide a foundational course with British Literature as the originating literature for English Studies
- To give the student a first-hand knowledge of major literary works of the period.
- To provide the students with knowledge of the political, economic, social and intellectual background so as to enable him to study the works as representatives of the various ages of British literature.
- To acquaint the students with the literary movements, favoured genres, and the evolution and developments of literary forms and to encourage further reading so as to obtain a fuller understanding of these.
- To acquaint the student with contemporary British Literature to bring them at par with the courses running in the leading universities in the country.

Syllabus

Drama

1.) William Shakespeare – *Hamlet*
2.) Christopher Marlowe – *Doctor Faustus*
3.) John Dryden – *All for Love*

Poetry

1.) Geoffrey Chaucer – Lines 1-3; 822-858 (from Prologue to Canterbury Tales)
2.) Edmund Spencer – “Bower of Bliss” / “One Day I wrote Her Name Upon The Strand”
3.) John Milton – *Paradise Lost* lines 1-26, 242-363 / “On His Blindness”
5.) William Shakespeare–“When to The Sessions Of Sweet Silent Thought” / “Let Me Not To The Marriage Of True Minds”/ “Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind”/ “Under the Greenwood Tree”
6.) John Dryden–Selection from *Absolem and Achitophile*“The False Achitophel Lines” Og and Doeg”
7.) Alexander Pope–*Essay on Man* Ep. II
8.) William Blake–“The Little Black Boy” / “London” / “The Tyger”/ “The Lamb”
Prose

1. Philip Sidney – *The Defense of Poesy*
2. Francis Bacon – “Of Revenge”/ “Of Marriage and Single Life”
3. Robert Browne – Selections from *Urn Burial* - “The Vanity of Ambition”

Fiction

1. Daniel Defoe – *Robinson Crusoe*
2. Jonathan Swift – *Gulliver’s Travels*
3. Henry Fielding – *Joseph Andrews*
4. Mary Shelley - *Frankenstein*
Objectives

- To introduce the student to the literature of the United States of America.
- To familiarize him/her with the important literary movements and development of various genres of literature.
- To give him/her a first-hand knowledge of major writers and classics of American literature.
- To encourage him/her to take interest in the writers belonging to African American, Native American, Mexican, Hispanic, Chicano and Asian American communities. (Marginalized Voices).

Syllabus

Poetry

1. Walt Whitman – “When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d, “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”
6. e e cumming – “O Sweet Spontaneous”, “Pity This Monster Manunkind”, “I Sing of Olaf Glad and Big”
7. William Carlos Williams – “The Delineaments of the Gaints” (I&III)
8. Wallace Stevens – “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Bird”, “The Snow Man”, From The Man with the Blue Guitar (I & XXII)

Drama

1. Tennessee Williams – A Glass Menagerie
2. Arthur Miller – Death of a Salesman
4. Cassandra Medley – Ma Rose
**Fiction**

1. Nathaniel Hawthorne – *Scarlet Letter*
2. Herman Melville – *Moby Dick*
3. Mark Twain – *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
4. Harper Lee – *To Kill a Mockingbird*
5. Ernest Hemingway – *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

**Prose**

1. Henry David Thoreau – *Civil Disobedience*
Paper IV- Core Indian Literature  

Code – PELC- 504  

Objectives  

- To familiarize the student with major Indian writers in English and get their knowledge updated on contemporary Indian literature in English (Till the first decade of 21st century).  
- To enable him/her to understand the growth of Indian writing in English in the context of India’s contact with English  
- To introduce the students with the growth of various literary genres in socio-economic, political and religious context of India.  
- To encourage students to understand the significance of Indian Literature in English and take up research.  
- To make the students understand the connection between theory and literature in colonial and postcolonial Indian context.

Syllabus  

Poetry  

1. Rabindranath Tagore – Excerpts from *Gitanjali* (song no 01, 19, 54)  
2. Derozio – “To My Native Land”,  
6. Vikram Seth - “Panchatantra” from *Beastly Tales I* (“Crocodile and the Monkey”)  
7. Arun Kolatkar- *Breakfast time At Kala Ghoda* :7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 30  
8. Eunice D’Souza – “Catholic Mother”, “My Mother Feared Death” (excerpt)  

Fiction  

1. R.K.Narayan– *Malgudi Days*  
2. Shashi Deshpande– *That Long Silence*  
3. Arun Joshi – *Strange Case of Billy Biswas*  
4. Anita Desai – *Fire on the Mountain*
Drama

1. Poile Sengupta - Mangalam
2. Manjula Padmanabhan – Lights Out
3. Mahesh Dattani – Dance Like a Man

Short Story/Prose

2. Coomarswamy – From The Dance of Shiva “The Dance of Shiva”
Paper V – Core New Literatures in English – I Code – PELC- 505

Australia, New Zealand & Canada

Objectives:

- To introduce the students to a variant of commonwealth literature – Australian, Canadian and literature from New Zealand
- To make him/her approach selected texts for their literary value and cultural importance
- To enable him/her to approach some texts from a cross-cultural perspective.
- To provide the student with a broad perspective of the development of Canadian literature.
- To initiate the process of cross cultural studies and comparative literary studies.

Syllabus

Australia

Fiction

1. Patrick White – *Voss*
2. Sally Morgan – *My Place*

Poetry

2. James McAuley – “Invocation”, “To Any Poet”
3. Peter Porter – “Your Attention Please”

Drama

1. Allen Saymour – *The One Day of the Year*
2. David Williamson – *Dead White Males*
3. Ray Lawler – *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*

Prose/Short Story

1. Henry Lawson – ‘The Loaded Dog’
2. Barbara Baynton – ‘The Chosen Vessel’ or ‘Squeaker’s Mate’
New Zealand

Fiction
1. Janet Frame - *Owls Do Cry*

Poetry

Canada

Fiction
1. Margaret Atwood – *The Blind Assassin*
2. Sinclair Rose - *As for Me and My House*
3. Carol Shields - *Larry’s Party*

Poetry
1. A M Klein – “Indian Reservation: Caughnawaga”
2. P K Page- “First Neighbours”
5. Margaret Atwood – “Journey to the Interior”

Drama
1. Georgee Ryga, *The Ecstasy of Rita Joe*
2. Sharon Pollack – *Blood Relations*

Prose /Short Story
1. Alice Munro – ‘The Love of a Good Woman’
2. Stephen Leacock- ‘My Financial Career’

Note: Selection of Poems from An Anthology of Commonwealth Poetry edited by C D Narsimhaiah
Semester II

Paper I – Contemporary Literary Theory Code – PELC – 506

Objectives

- To familiarize him/her with important critical movements
- To give him/her first-hand knowledge of some of the works of the great critics
- To enable him/her to apply principles of criticism to literary texts
- To enable him/her to undertake further reading in critical movements and critical theory.

Section A

1. New Criticism and Russian Formalism
2. Structuralism
3. Deconstruction
4. Reader Response
5. Marxist Theories, Ideology and Discourse
6. Psychoanalysis
7. Postcolonial Theories
8. Feminism and Queer Theory
9. New Historicism and Cultural Materialism
10. Postmodernism

Section B

Short answer questions on of the Basic Ideas of:

1. Mikhail Bakhtin
2. Northrop Frye
3. Antonio Gramsci
4. Jurgen Habermas
5. Michel Foucault.
6. Paul Ricoeoeur
7. Hayden White
Paper II – Core British Literature

Drama

1. William Congreve – *The Way of the World*
2. Sydney Sheridan – *The School for Scandal*
3. George Bernard Shaw – *Saint Joan*

Poetry

4. Byron – “On This Day I Complete my Thirty Sixth Year”
5. John Keats – “When I Have Fears / Ode to Autumn”
7. Tennyson – “Ring Out Wild Bells” / “Crossing The Bar”
8. Matthew Arnold – “To Marguerite” / “Memorial Verses”

Prose

1. Bunyan (allegory) – From *Pilgrim’s Progress* “The Hill Of Difficulty” and “The Valley of Humiliation”
2. Pepys (diary) – Pepy’s *Diaries* “The Fire 2nd September 1666”
3. Boswell (biography) – *Life of Samuel Johnson*

Fiction

1. Walter Scott – *Ivan Hoe*
2. Jane Austen – *Persuasion*
3. Charles Dickens – *Oliver Twist*
4. George Eliot – *Silas Mariner*
5. Emily Bronte – *Wuthering Heights*
Paper III- Core American Literature Code – PELC- 508

Objectives:

- To introduce the student to the literature of the United States of America
- To familiarize him/her with the important literary movements and development of various genres of literature.
- To give him/her a first-hand knowledge of major writers and classics of American literature.
- To encourage him/her to take interest in the writers belonging to African American, Native American, Mexican, Hispanic, Chicano and Asian American communities. (Marginalized Voices)

Poetry

2. Charles Olson – “Sun Right in My Eye and Maximus”, “To Himself”
4. John Berryman – From the *Dream Songs* (1, 14, 29) “Henry’s Understanding”
5. Anne Saxton – “All My Pretty Ones”, “How We Danced”
6. Audre Lorde – From the *House of Yemanja*, “Hanging Fire”

Drama

1. Edward Albee – *Zoo Story*
2. August Wilson – *Fences*
3. Lorraine Hansberry – *A Raisin in the Sun*
4. Ntozake Shange – *for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf*
Fiction
1. John Steinbeck – *The Grapes of Wrath*
2. Toni Morrison – *Beloved* (African American)
4. Cherrie Moragu’s (Hispanic) *Loving in the War Years*
5. Amy Tan’s (Asian: Chinese) *The Joy Luck Club*

Prose
1. Thomas Paine – American Crisis
2. Edgar Elan Poe – Philosophy of Composition
Objectives:

- To familiarize the student with major Indian writers in English and get their knowledge updated on contemporary Indian literature in English (Till First Decade of 21st Century).

- To enable him/her to understand the growth of Indian writing in English in the context of India’s contact with English

- To introduce the students with the growth of various literary genres in socio-economic, political and religious context of India.

- To encourage students to understand the significance of Indian Literature in English and take up research.

- To make the students understand the connection between theory and literature in colonial and postcolonial Indian context.

Poetry

2. Sri Aurobindo – “The Pilgrim of the Night”
8. Adil Jussawala - “Land’s End” and “The Exile’s Story”

Fiction

1. Bhabani Bhattacharya – *He Who Rides a Tiger*
2. Arvind Adiga- *The White Tiger*
3. Arundhati Roy – *God of Small Things*
4. Amitav Ghosh– *The Hungry Tide*

Drama

1. Asif Currimbhoy- *Goa*
2. Girish Karnad– *Flowers, Broken Images*
3. Dina Mehta – *Getting Away With Murder*

**Short Stories/ Prose**

1. V.S. Naipaul– *Enigma of Arrival* (nobelprize.org)
2. Ruskin Bond –From *Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra* “The Angry River”
Paper V- Core New Literatures in English- II Code – PELC- 510

Objectives:

- To enable the student to understand the main currents of development in English Language writing in the Anglophone parts of Africa and Caribbean islands
- To introduce him/her to a few select writings in English from Africa and the West Indies and Guyana.
- To familiarize him/her the richness of cultural heritage of Africa through major writers and various genres.
- To initiate the process of cross cultural studies and comparative literary studies.

African & Caribbean Literature

Syllabus

African Literature

Fiction

1. Chinua Achebe- *Things Fall Apart*
2. J M Coetzee- *Foe*

Poetry

1. Danis Brutus – “A Common Hate Enriched Our Love and Us”
2. Gabriel Okara – “The Mystic Drum”
5. David Diop- “Africa”

Drama

1. Athol Fugard – *Master Harold*
2. Ama Ata Aidoo - *Anowa*

Caribbean Literature

Fiction

1. V S Naipaul - *In a Free State*
2. Jean Rhys – *Wide Sargasso Sea*

**Poetry**

1. Edward Braithwaite – “Tizzic”
2. Dereck Walcott – “Ruins of a Great House”

**Drama**

1. Wole Soyinka - *Lion and the Jewel*
2. Derek Walcott – *Drums and Colours*

Note: Selection of Poems from An Anthology of Commonwealth Poetry edited by C D Narsimhaiah
Semester III

Paper I – Core British Literature – III   Code – PELC- 511

Drama
1.) J M Synge – *Riders to the Sea*
2.) John Osborne – *Look Back in Anger*
3.) Samuel Beckett – *Waiting for Godot*

Poetry
1.) Robert Browning – “Home Thoughts From Abroad” / “The Last Ride Together”
2.) Christina Rossetti – “The Blindest Buzzard That I Know” / “While I Sit At The Door”
3.) Elizabeth Barrett Browning – “The Cypress stood Up Like a Church”
4.) Thomas Hardy – “The Darkling Thrush” / “In The Time of Breaking Of Nations”
5.) Gerald Manley Hopkins – “Thou Art Indeed Just” / “Mine Own Heart”
7.) Wilfred Owen – “Dulce Et Decorum”
8.) T S Eliot – “The Wasteland”

Prose
1. Gibbon (history) – “Decline”

Fiction
1. Joseph Conrad – *Lord Jim*
2. D H Lawrence – *Sons and Lovers*
3. James Joyce – *Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man*
4. Rudyard Kipling – *Kim*
Paper II – Optional – I Elective Subjects

Papers will be chosen from the list of Final Electives capping of 35 students each Elective subject
Total students – 270
Capping per subject – 35
Number of Electives required – 270/35= 7.71 Or 8 different Elective Subjects

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Paper I – Core British Literature- IV       Code – PELC- 512

Drama
1.) Bolt - *Man for All Seasons*
2.) Stoppard – *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*
3.) Delaney – *A Taste of Honey*

Poetry

2.) W H Auden – “The Unknown Citizen” / From *In Time Of War* XIV, XVII, XVIII
3.) Dylan Thomas – “The Force That Through The Green Fuse Drives The Flower”/ “And Death Shall Have No Dominion”
5.) Seamus Heaney – “Casualty” / “The Strand At Lough Beg”
6.) Carol Anne Duffy – “Medusa” / “Mrs Lazarus” / “Warming Her Pearls”
7.) Tony Harrison – “On Not Being Milton” / “Turns” / “History Classes”
9.) Ted Hughes - “The Thought Fox” and “An Otter”

Prose

2. William Hazlitt (personal) – “Confessions of an Opium Eater”
3. Walter Pater (aesthetics) – From *Appreciations* “Shakespeare’s English Kings”

Fiction

1. Iris Murdoch – *The Sea*
2. Doris Lessing – *Golden Notebook*

Short Story/ Prose (M.Thorpe)

1. E M Forster – The Eternal Moment
2. D H Lawrence – The White Stocking
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