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NOTIFICATION

As directed, the undersigned is pleased to inform all concerned that Bankura University has initiated the process to implement New Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programme, UGC 2022 (as per NEP 2020) for 4-years Undergraduate programme with English as Major, Minor etc. from the academic session 2023-2024. The syllabus as framed / drafted and partially implemented deserves to be analysed after receiving feedback from different stakeholders. As an important corollary to the process, a workshop will be organized on the date mentioned herewith to get the feedback from the stakeholders. Present Students, Alumni, Guardians, Academicians and other stakeholders related to the specific programme/course are requested for their kind participation in the workshop and to present their views/ observations, etc. The stakeholders may go through the draft syllabus attached herewith and convey their observations to the office of the undersigned on <u>ugsecretaryoffice@bankurauniv.ac.in</u> within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 19th June, 2025

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Academic Building Seminar Room (Room No-201) Bankura University.

Sd/-Dr. Arindam Chakraborty Secretary Faculty Council for Undergraduate Studies

CURRICULUM, CREDIT FRAMEWORK AND COURSE STRUCTURE OF FOUR YEAR UG DEGREE PROGRAMME WITH SINGLE MAJOR

BASED ON NEP 2020

for

SEMESTER – V & SEMESTER – VI

in

B.A. WITH ENGLISH MAJOR,

B.A. WITH ENGLISH AS A MINOR SUBJECT

and

B.A. WITH ENGLISH AS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY OPTIONAL



(w.e.f. ACADEMIC SESSION 2025-26)

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SCHEME OF COURSES

Course Code	Course Title	Credits		Marks		No. of Hours/Week		ek
	Course Title	Credits	I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
A/ENG/501/MJC-9 (Discipline-Specific Major)	British Literature: The Early 20th Century	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/502/MJC- 10 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Indian W r iting in English	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/503/MJC- 11 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Literature of the Indian Diaspora	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/504/MJC- 12 (Discipline-Specific Major)	British Literature: Post World War II	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/505/MN-5 (Discipline-Specific Minor)	Popular Literature	4	10	40	50	03	01	
ACS/506/INT-3		<mark>2</mark>	<mark>10</mark>	<mark>40</mark>	<mark>50</mark>	<mark>02</mark>		
Total in Sem	nester – V	22	60	240	300	16	04	

<u>SEMESTER – V</u>

A=ARTS, ENG=ENGLISH (Subject Code),

MJC= Major Core Course, MN=Minor Course, MD=Multidisciplinary Course,

SEC= Skill Enhancement Course, AEC= Ability Enhancement Course,

VAC=Value Added Courses

IA= Internal Assessment, ESE= End-Semester Examination,

Lec. = Lecture, Tu. = Tutorial, and Pr. = Practical

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<u>SEMESTER – VI</u>

Course Code	Course Title	rse Title Credits Marks No. o Hours/W						eek
	Course The	oreans	I.A.	ESE	Total	Lec.	Tu.	Pr.
A/ENG/601/MJC-13 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Modern Indian Writing in English Translation	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/602/MJC-14 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Postcolonial Literatures	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/603/MJC-15 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Science Fiction and Detective Literature	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/604/MJC-16 (Discipline-Specific Major)	Partition Literature	4	10	40	50	03	01	
A/ENG/605/MN-6 (Discipline-Specific Minor)	Literature and Cinema	4	10	40	50	03	01	
Total in Sem	ester – VI	20	50	200	250	15	05	

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VAC=Value Added Courses

IA= Internal Assessment, ESE= End-Semester Examination,

Lec. = Lecture, Tu. = Tutorial, and Pr. = Practical

SEMESTER - V

Course Title (Core Course): British Literature: The Early 20th Century Course Code: A/ENG/501/MJC-9

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Course Objectives:

- To enhance in students disciplinary knowledge of English Literature and Literary Studies in the context of modernism and its interdisciplinary entanglements with various movements, forms and genres in music, painting, architecture, films etc.
- To train the students in close literary-critical exegesis of the prescribed texts as mapped against their co-texts and socio-political contexts, with special attention to characteristic themes, generic conventions and experiments, as also linguistic and stylistic innovations and their implications
- To cultivate a comparative perspective on early 20th century British literature by a student in an Indian classroom, encouraging her to connect between the local and the global through a reading of imperial/Eurocentric literatures composed during the early twentieth century from her own position as a located Indian citizen of the world today
- To hone critical thinking, analytical reasoning and creative questioning
- To kindle research questions and reflective thinking around modernism in Europe and its representational politics, legacies and afterlives
- To be able to cogently represent one's contentions through verbal presentations and wellargued essays

Course Outcomes:

- To trace the history of modernism in the socio-cultural and intellectual contexts of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century Europe.
- To be able to link and distinguish between modernity and modernism
- To be able to compare, connect and comment on the links between developments in science including medicine and psychoanalysis, and co-eval experiments in literature
- To explain the history of early twentieth century modernism in the light of the stream of consciousness technique, Jungian and Freudian ideas, psychoanalysis, imagism, cubismetc.

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- To identify and analyze the use of modernist techniques and forms in different genres in early twentieth century British literature and their transdisciplinary tendings
- To trace the history of the self and subjectivity in modernist literature in the light of colonial consciousness
- To be able to cultivate a trans-cultural, transnational perspective on the legacies of modernism in a post-colonial world, in the context of the rise of alternative modernities

Course Content:

Unit I
James Joyce: A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
Bernard Shaw: Candida
Unit II
W.B. Yeats: "The Wild Swans at Coole", "Among School Children"
T.S. Eliot: "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
Unit III
History of English Literature: Early 20th century (Till 1940s)

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

Question Pattern	for End Semester	Examination:	Total 40 marks
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No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
02	Unit III	04	05	$02 \ge 05 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

2 short questions/short notes worth 5 marks each to be attempted out of 4 from Unit III: 2x5=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

1. Albert, A. E. History of English Literature. Oxford University Press, 1979.

- 2. Alexander, Michael. A History of English Literature. Palgrave Foundations Series, 2013.
- 3. Ashton, Gail. Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales. Analysing Texts Series. Red Globe Press, 1998.
- Calvin, John. "Predestination and Free Will." *The Portable Renaissance* Reader, edited by James Bruce Ross and Mary Martin McLaughlin, Penguin Books, 1953.
- Carter, Ronald, and John McRae. The Routledge History of Literature in English: Britain and England. Routledge, 2013.
- 6. Compton-Rickett, Arthur. A History of English Literature. 1912. Ingram short title, 2012.
- 7. Daiches, David. A Critical History of English Literature Vol. I & II. 1960. Reprint. Supernova Publishers, 2022.
- Ford, Boris. The New Pelican Guide to English Literature: The Age of Chaucer. Vol. 1. Penguin Books, 1955.
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- 11. Gardner, H. L., editor. John Donne: A Collection of Critical Essays. 1962. Prentice-Hall International, 1986.
- 12. Gardner, Helen, editor. John Donne: The Elegies and the Songs and Sonnets. Clarendon Press, 1965.
- 13. Gardner, Helen L, editor. The Metaphysical Poets. Oxford University Press, 1967.
- 14. Hamilton, A. C., editor. The Spenser Encyclopaedia. Routledge, 1990.
- 15. Leishman, J B. The Monarch of Wit. 1951. Routledge Revivals, 2021.
- Long, William J. English Literature: Its History and its Significance for the Life of the English Speaking World. 1909. Project Gutenberg E-book, 2004.
- 17. Mack, Peter and Andy Hawkins. The Nun's Priest's Tale. Oxford University Press, 1996.
- 18. Muir, Kenneth, editor. Shakespeare's Sonnets. Routledge, 1982.
- 19. Ray, Robert H. A John Donne Companion. Routledge, 1990.
- 20. Rudd, Gillian, editor. The Complete Critical Guide to Geoffrey Chaucer. Routledge, 2001.
- 21. Sainstsbury, George. A Short History of English Literature. 1898. Reprint. Macmillan, 1962.
- 22. Sampson, George. The Concise Cambridge History of English Literature, 1941. Cambridge University Press, 1965.
- 23. Sanders, Andrew. A Short Oxford History of English Literature. Oxford University Press, 1994.
- Spurgeon, Caroline F. Shakespeare's Imagery and What It Tells Us. Cambridge University Press, 1935. Online Publication. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

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25. Trevelyan, G. M. English Social History. Penguin, 1987.

- 26. Ward, A. C. Illustrated History of English Literature. 1953. Penguin, 2012.
- 27. Alexander, Catherine M.S., and Stanley Wells, ed. *Shakespeare and Race*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000.
- 28. Bartels, Emily C. Speaking of the Moor: From "Alcazar" to "Othello." Philadelphia: U of Pennsylvania P, 2008
- 29. Bradley, A.C. Shakespearean Tragedy: Lectures on Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth. 1904. 4thed. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
- Cavell, Stanley. "Othello and the Stake of the Other." Disowning Knowledge in Seven Plays by Shakespeare.
 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2003.
- Cowhig, Ruth. "Blacks in English Renaissance Drama and the Role of Shak espeare's Othello." *The Black Presence in English Literature*. Ed. David Dabydeen. Manchester: Manchester UP, 1985. 1-25.
- Empson, William. "Honest in Othello." *The Structure of Complex Words*. 1951. 3rd ed. London: Chatto and Windus, 1977. 218-49
- Greenblatt, Stephen. Renaissance Self-Fashioning: From More to Shakespeare. 1980. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 2005.
- 34. Granville, George. The Jew of Venice. London: 1701.
- 35. Auden, W.H. Belmont and Venice. Twentieth Century Interpretations of The Merchant of Venice. Ed. by Sylvan Barnet. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1970. 113-116.
- 36. Bate, Jonathan. The Romantics on Shakespeare. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1992.
- 37. Beatty-Kingston, William. 'Shylock in Germany'. The Theatre I (1880): 17-20, 86-90.
- 38. Berek, Peter. 'The Jew as Renaissance Man'. Renaissance Quarterly 51 (1998): 128-62.
- Cook, Ann Jennalie. 'The Merchant of Venice at The Other Place'. Shakespeare Quarterly 30 (1979): 158–60.
- 40. Cusack, Sinead. 'Portia in The Merchant of Venice'. In *Players of Shakespeare* 1. Ed. Brockbank, Philip. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.
- Danson, Lawrence. 'The Problem of Shylock'. In *Major Literary Characters*: Shylock. Ed. Bloom, Harold. New York: Chelsea House, 1991.
- 42. Shakespeare, William: Othello. United Kingdom: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2016.
- 43. Shakespeare, William: The Merchant of Venice. United Kingdom: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2011.

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SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Core Course): Indian Writing in English

Course Code: A/ENG/502/MJC-10

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to appreciate the historical, political, cultural and social trajectories of various genres of Indian Writing in English from colonial times till the present
- To trace the role of Indian writing in English and in English translation within the nationing project
- To train students to identify, analyse and appreciate the thematic concerns, genres and trends of Indian Writing in English in terms of colonialism/postcolonialism, regionalism and nationalism
- To introduce students to the works of some of the iconic figures in Indian Literature in English through close critical exegesis of select literary texts from the pre and post independence periods, as mapped against their socio-historical contexts.
- To critically appreciate the creative use of the English language in Indian Writing in English with its literary traditions and experiments in form, theme and language forged in translational continuum with the regional bhashas

Course Outcomes:

- The course introduces the students to canonical authors in the genre like R.K. Narayan, H.L.V. Derozio, Kamala Das, Nissim Ezekiel, Mulk Raj Anand and Salman Rushdie, among others. Students will learn to read the cross-cultural transfusions – both regional and international – in Indian writings in English.
- On completing the course learners will grow familiar with the growth, development and emerging trends of this vibrant domain of Indian Literature.
- They will have the ability to appreciate and trace diverse influences in the growth and development of various genres of Indian Writing in English from colonial times till the present.

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- After completing the course learners will learn to explore Indian Writing in English from postcolonial, locationally aware perspectives.
- The course will kindle research interest among interested students in reading Indian Writing in English from a comparative, cross-cultural perspective, both in collusioncollision with bhasha literatures and transatlantic literary-political movements

Course Content:

Unit I
R.K. Narayan: Waiting for the Mahatma
Anita Desai: Fire on the Mountain
Unit II
H.L.V. Derozio: "Freedom to the Slave", "The Orphan Girl
Kamala Das: "My Grandmother's House", "The Anamalai Hills"
Nissim Ezekiel: "Soap", "Enterprise"
Unit III
Mulk Raj Anand: "Two Lady Rams"
Khuswant Singh: 'A Bride For The Sahib'

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit III	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	Unit I (04+04) + Unit II (02)	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
	TOTAL MA	RKS		40

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each out of 10 questions to be attempted

from Units I (4 questions + 4 questions) and II (2 questions): 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

1. Desai, Anita. Fire on the Mountain. Vintage Publication, 2001.

2. King, Bruce. Introduction. Modern Indian Poetry in English, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 2005, pp. 1–10.

3. Kundu, Rama. Fire on the Mountain. Atlantic, 2005.

4. Mehrotra, Arvind Krishna. An Illustrated History of Indian Literature in English. Orient BlackSwan, 2013.

5. Mukherjee, Meenakshi. "Divided by a Common Language." The Perishable Empire, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 187–203.

6. Naik, M K. A History of Indian English Literature. Sahitya Akademi, 1982.

7. Naik, M. K., editor. Selected Short Stories of Mulk Raj Anand. Arnold Heinemann, 1977.

8. Nair, Rama, editor. Trends and Techniques in Contemporary Indian English Poetry. Prestige Books, 2001.

9. Narayan, R. K. Swami and Friends. 1935. Penguin Vintage International, 2012.

Prakash, Anand, editor. Interventions: Indian Writing in English. Worldview Publications,
 2013.

11. Prasad, G. J. V. Writing India, Writing English: Literature, Language, Location. Routledge, 2011.

12. Rao, Raja. Foreword. Kanthapura. Oxford University Press, 1989, pp. v-vi.

13. Rushdie, Salman. "Commonwealth Literature does not exist." Imaginary Homelands, Granta Books, 1991, pp. 61–70.

14. Rushdie, Salman. East, West. 1994. Penguin Vintage International, 1995.

15. Thayil, Jeet, editor. The Penguin Book of Indian Poets. Penguin Hamish Hamilton, 2022.

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SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Core Course): Literature of the Indian Diaspora Course Code: A/ENG/503/MJC-11

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To inculcate in students an awareness of the concept of "diaspora" in its etymological, historical and cultural contexts
- To develop a historical understanding of the formations of Indian diasporic movements within India and outside
- To be able to identify different aspects of the Indian diasporic consciousness and literary features of the Indian diasporic texts
- To cultivate in students the analytical ability for close literary-critical exegesis of diasporic texts when mapped against their socio-historical contexts and the theoretical framework shaped by key diasporic issues such as displacement, nostalgia, alienation, belonging, identity, gender, racism and assimilation

Course Outcomes:

- To develop a creative-critical understanding of the writings of the Indian diaspora within the discourse of postcolonialism, postmodernity, hybridity, globalization and transnationalism
- To explore Indian diasporic texts as markers of Indian diasporic lives, cultural practices, experiences, religion and the proliferation of new media
- To be able to identify the main currents of Indian diasporic narratives, their links to other diasporas and fringes and present and argue cogently on one's contentions and findings in the area
- To kindle research interest in the Indian diaspora and diasporic narratives, and the tensions/transfusions they perform between history, homes, memory, belonging and unhomedness

Course Content:

Unit I V.S. Naipaul: *A House for Mr. Biswas* Unit II Short Stories Jhumpa Lahiri: "Unaccustomed Earth" (*Unaccustomed Earth*) V.S. Naipaul: "One Out of Many" (*In a Free State*) Deepak Unnikrishnan: 'Birds' (*Temporary People*) Unit III Poems A.K. Ramanujan: "Take care" Uma Parameswaran: "This Land whereon I Stand"

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings (for Internal Examination)

- The Diaspora
- Nostalgia / Memory
- New Medium/Technology
- Alienation
- Globalization
- Home and homelessness
- Transnationalism

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks. Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks		
01	Unit I	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$		
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$		
01	Unit III	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$		
05	Units I, II and III	02 + 04 + 04	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$		
	TOTAL MARKS					

long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: 1x10=10
 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10
 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10
 short questions worth 2 marks each out of 10 questions to be attempted
 from Units I (2 questions), II (4 questions) and III (4 questions): 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

1. Appadurai, Arjun. Modernity At Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. University of Minnesota Press, 1996.

2. Ashcroft, Bill, Gareth Griffiths, and Helen Tiffin. The Empire Writes Back. Routledge, 1989.

3. Baldwin, Shauna Singh. We Are Not in Pakistan. Goose Lane Editions, 2007.

4. Bassnett, Susan, and Harish Trivedi. Introduction: Of Colonies, Cannibals and Vernaculars. Post-Colonial Translation: Theory and Practice, edited by Bassnett and Trivedi, Routledge, 1999, pp. 1-18.

 Bhabha, Homi K. "Culture's in-between." Questions of Cultural Identity, edited by S. Hall and P. du Gay, Sage, 1996, pp. 53-60.

6. Bhatt, Sujata. The One Who Goes Away. Carcanet Press, 1989.

7. Brah, Avtar. Cartographies of Diaspora: Contesting Identities. Routledge, 1996.

8. Kalra, V., R. Kaur and J. Hutynuk. "Cultural Configurations of Diaspora." Diaspora & Hybridity. Sage Publications, 2005.

9. Kumar, Sudhir. "Gandhi and the Diasporic Question: Histories, Texts and Readings." In Diaspora: Theories, Histories, Texts, edited by Makarand Paranjape, Indialog, 2001, pp. 68-78.

10. Lahiri, Jhumpa. Unaccustomed Earth. Random House, 2008.

11. Mishra, V. "Introduction: The Diasporic Imaginary." Literature of the Indian Diaspora. Routledge, 2008.

12. Naipaul, V. S. In a Free State. 1971. Vintage, 2002.

13. Pandurang, Mala. "Mapping diasporic subjectivities." South Asian Diaspora, vol. 6, no. 1, 2013, pp. 1-5.

14. Parameswaran, Uma. "This Land Whereon I Stand." South Asian Review, vol. 27, no. 3, 2006, pp. 195-198.

15. Ramanujan, A. K. "Take Care." Relations: Poems. Oxford University Press, 1971, pp. 47-48.

16. Rushdie, S. "The New Empire within Britain." Imaginary Homelands. Granta Books, 1991, pp. 129-138.

17. Satchidanandan, K. "That Third Space: Interrogating the Diasporic Paradigm." In Diaspora: Theories, Histories, Texts, edited by Makarand Paranjape, Indialog, 2001, pp. 15-23.

18. Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty. In Other Worlds: Essays in Cultural Politics. Routledge, 1988.

19. Syal, Meera. Anita and Me. Harper Collins, 1997.

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SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Core Course): British Literature: Post World War II Course Code: A/ENG/504/MJC-12

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to understand the socio-historical, economic and political contexts of post-World War, post-imperial British Literature
- To explore the relationship between World War II and the end of colonialism and the significance of this scenario of global shrinking in terms of British national identity
- To identify the socio-historical and political changes in England post World War II
- To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of prescribed texts against their sociocultural contexts, mapping the rise of multiculturalism and socio-political upheavals in England in the wake of post-colonial migrations to the country from erstwhile colonial territories

Course Outcomes:

- To be able to grasp the changing role of England and the English language with its many postcolonial and translational mutants in the new world order
- To be able to critically analyse and link the changes in social norms to new literary forms emergent in post 1950s British literature within the post-colonial, post-imperial theoretical framework
- To engage with the idea of the postmodern and the rise of the postmodernist aesthetics
- To analyse and appreciate the importance of location in understanding self and the other
- To kindle research interest in the domain, especially in the post-1950s refashioning of Englishness and of the British nation

Course Contents:

Unit I:

Kazuo Ishiguro – The Remains of the Day

Douglas Adams: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Unit II:

Phillip Larkin: "An Arundel Tomb", "Aubade"

Ted Hughes: "Hawk Roosting", "Thought Fox"

Seamus Heaney: "Bogland", "Punishment"

Carol Anne Duffy: "Text", Originally"

Unit III:

History of English Literature: Post 1950s British Literature

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings (for Internal Examination)

- Postmodernism in British Literature
- Britishness after 1960s
- Multiculturalism and the Rise of the Other
- Literature and Counterculture
- The South Asian Diaspora in Britain

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
02	Unit III	04	05	$02 \ge 05 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

2 short notes/questions worth 5 marks each out of 4 to be attempted from Unit III: 2x5=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each out of 10 questions to be attempted from Units I and II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

1. Adams, Douglas. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1979. Pan Macmillan, 2020.

2. Alexander, Michael. A History of English Literature. 2000. Palgrave Foundations Series, 2013.

3. Carter, Ronald, and John McRae. The Routledge History of Literature in English: Britain and England. 1997. 3rd ed., Routledge, 2013.

4. Duffy, Carol Ann. Collected Poems. Picador, 2019.

5. Ford, Boris. The New Pelican Guide to English Literature: From Orwell to Naipaul. Vol. 8. Penguin Books, 1983.

6. Goldberg, Theo David. Multiculturalism: A Critical Reader. Wilie-Blackwell, 1995.

7. Heaney Seamus. Door into the Dark. Faber & Faber, 1969.

8. Heaney, Seamus. Field Work. Faber & Faber, 2017.

9. Heaney, Seamus. "The Redress of Poetry." The Redress of Poetry. Faber, 1995, pp. 1–16.

10. Hughes, Ted. Poems. Selected by Simon Armitage. Faber & Faber, 2004.

11. King, P. R. Nine Contemporary Poets: A Critical Introduction. 1979. Routledge, 2021.

12. Kureishi, Hanif. My Beautiful Laundrette. 1986. Faber & Faber, 2015.

13. Larkin, Philip. Collected Poems. Faber & Faber, 2003.

14. Sanders, Andrew. A Short Oxford History of English Literature. Oxford University Press, 1994.

15. Sinfield, Alan. "Literature and Cultural Production." Literature, Politics, and Culture in Postwar Britain. University of California Press, 1989, pp. 23–38.

16. Waugh, Patricia. "Culture and Change: 1960-1990." The Harvest of The Sixties: English Literature And Its Background, 1960-1990. Oxford University Press, 1997.

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SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Discipline-Specific Minor): Popular Literature Course Code: A/ENG/505/MN-5

Credit: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Contact Hours/week: 04 Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the students to the definitive issues and debates that nucleate the category termed "popular literature", including questions around the role of mass marketing both local and global invested in by publishing houses, distributors and retailers of books, book promotions for targeted readerships, roles of reception and readership and shifts therein, bestsellers and corporate interest in curating the lists, branding, pricing and the like.
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of popular literature as a socially relevant, located and pleasurable form of writing which engages with contemporary issues and especially in case of popular literature published in English in India, plays with the new possibilities of language
- To train students to identify and articulate the characteristics of various genres of nonliterary fiction

Course Outcomes:

- To enable students to trace the early history of print culture in England and explore the economic and socio-historical contexts that led to the emergence of genre fiction and bestsellers, while training them in a comparative analytical perspective on the phenomenon of the rise of popular literature in English in contemporary India
- To make students engage in debates on the categories of "high" and "low" culture, "canonical" and "non-canonical" literature, resonant with the domain of popular literature
- To explore the social, historical, economic and political relevance of popular texts and bestsellers as products of their time and age that refract and reflect the aspirations and anxieties of the society and the socio-economic classes of their intended readership
- To train students in close reading and various methods of literary-critical analysis so as to interpret popular literature as mapped against their time and place of production, promotion and sales

Course Content:

Unit I

Lewis Carroll: Through the Looking Glass

J.K. Rowling: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Unit II

HERGE: Tintin In Tibet

René Goscinny: Asterix the Gaul (Translator -Anthea Bell, Derek Hockridge)

Unit III

Sukumar Ray, Abol Tabol ('Nonsense Rhymes', Translated Satyajit Ray)

Poems:

- 1. THE KING OF BOMBARDIA
- 2. THE MISSING WHISKERS
- 3. ODOUR IN THE COURT
- 4. THE SONS OF RAMGAROO
- 5. BABURAM THE SNAKE CHARMER
- 6. OLD TICKLER
- 7. GROOMY TIDINGS
- 8. UNCLE'S INVENTION

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
02	Unit III	01	02	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

2 short notes/questions worth 5 marks each out of 4 to be attempted from Unit III: 2x5=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each out of 10 questions to be attempted from Units I and II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

1. Banerjee, Supurna, and Nandini Ghosh. Caste and Gender in Contemporary India: Power, Privilege and Politics. Routledge, 2019.

2. Butler, Judith. Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity. Routledge, 2006.

3. Carrol, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. 1865. Penguin Classics, 2003.

4. Chakravarti, Uma. Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens. SAGE publications, 2018.

5. Christie, Agatha. The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. 1926. Harper Collins, 2017.

6. Chute, Hillary. "Comics as Literature? Reading Graphic Narrative." PMLA, vol. 123, no. 2, March 2008, pp. 452-465.

7. Fiedler, Leslie. "Towards a Definition of Popular Literature." Super Culture: American Popular Culture and Europe. Edited by C.W.E. Bigsby, Bowling Green University Press, 1975, pp. 29–38.

8. Ghosh, Vishwajyoti. This Side, That Side: Restorying Partition. Yoda Press, 2013.

9. Grenby, M. O., and Andrea Immel, editors. The Cambridge Companion to Children's Literature. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

10. Hahn, Daniel. The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature. 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 2017.

11. Hughes, Felicity. "Children's Literature: Theory and Practice." English Literary History, Vol. 45, 1978, pp. 542–61.

12. Mccloud, Scott. Making Comics. Story-telling Secrets of Comics, Manga and Graphic Novels. Harper Paperbacks, 2006.

13. Menon, Nivedita. Seeing Like a Feminist. Penguin, 2012.

14. Pawling, Christopher. "Popular Fiction: Ideology or Utopia?." Popular Fiction and Social Change. Edited by Christopher Pawling, Palgrave Macmillan, 1984, pp. 1-19.

15. Radway, Janice. "The Institutional Matrix, Publishing Romantic Fiction." Reading the Romance: Women, Patriarchy, and Popular Literature, University of North Carolina Press, 1991, pp. 17-45.

16. Sumathi, Ramaswamy. Introduction. Beyond Appearances? Visual Practices and Ideologies in Modern India, edited by Sumathi Ramaswamy, Sage, 2003, pp. xiii–xxix.

17. Suvin, Darco. "On Teaching SF Critically." Positions and Presuppositions in Science Fiction, The MacMillan Press, 1988, pp. 86-96.

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18. Tabachnick, Stephen E. The Cambridge Companion to the Graphic Novel. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

19. Todorov, Tzevetan. "The Typology of Detective Fiction." 1966. The Poetics of Prose. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1977, 42-53.

20. Wilson, Edmund. "Who Cares Who Killed Roger Ackroyd?" The New Yorker 20 June 1945.

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SEMESTER-VI

Course Title (Core Course): Modern Indian Writing in English Translation Course Code: A/ENG/601/MJC-13

Credit: 04 Contact Hours/week: 04 Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10) Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To cultivate in students an understanding of the diversity of modern Indian literatures and their interconnections, conversations, confluences
- To make students creatively engage with the notion of nation and nationalism as refracted through modern Indian writings in English translation
- To explore translation as a pivotal technology, aesthetic and ethic of the nationing project in India
- To critically engage with significant social issues like caste and gender through close Literary - critical exegesis of prescribed bhasha literature texts in English translation

Course Outcomes:

- To cultivate in students an understanding of the historical trajectories of Indian literature and the interconnections historically forged through translation between themes, forms and debates in bhasha literatures and Indian Writing in English
- To appreciate the impact of transnational and regional literary movements on various Indian literatures through translation
- To kindle research interest in translation as an indispensable tool, epistemology and trope in the production, transmission and outreach of modern Indian literature, in English and the bhashas

Course Content:

Unit I:

Premchand: "The Shroud." Translated by M. Asaduddin

Fakir Mohan Senapati: "Rebati." Translated by Kishori Charan Das

Ismat Chugtai: 'The Quilt'

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Unit II:

Rabindranath Nath Tagore: "Light, Oh Where is the Light?" and "When My Play was with Thee". Translated by William Radice

G. M. Muktibodh: "The Void." Translated by Vinay Dharwadker

Amrita Pritam: "I Say Unto Waris Shah." Translated by N.S. Tasneem

Thangjam Ibopishak Singh: "Dali, Hussain, or Odour of Dream, Colour of Wind" and "The Land of the Half-Humans". Translated by Robin S. Ngangom

Unit III:

Utpal Dutt: Barricade. Translated by Ananda Lal

Vijay Tendulkar, Silence! The Court Is In Session. Translated by Priya Adarkar

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings (for Internal Examination)

- The Aesthetics and Politics of Translation
- Linguistic Regions and Languages
- Modernity in Indian Literature
- Caste, Gender and Resistance
- Questions of Form in 20th Century Indian Literature

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit III	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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- 1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit I: 1x10=10
- 1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10
- 1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

- Asaduddin, M., editor. "The Shroud." By Premchand, Penguin Book of Classic Urdu Stories, Penguin/Viking, 2006.
- Bassnett, Susan, and Harish Trivedi, editors. Post-Colonial Translation: Theory and Practice, Routledge, 1999.
- 3. Chaudhuri, Sukanta. Translation and Understanding. Oxford University Press, 1999.
- 4. Das, Vidya, editor. Oriya Stories. Translated by Kishori Charan Das, Srishti Publishers, 2000.
- Devy, G. N. Introduction. After Amnesia, The G. N. Devy Reader, Orient BlackSwan, 2009, pp. 1-5.
- Dharwadker, Vinay, and A. K. Ramanujam, editors. The Oxford Anthology of Modern Indian Poetry, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- George, K. M., editor. Modern Indian Literature: An Anthology, Plays and Prose, Surveys and Poems. Vol. 3. Sahitya Akademi, 1992.
- 8. Kidwai, Ayesha, translator. In Freedom's Shade. By Anis Kidwai, Penguin Books India, 2011.
- 9. Lal, Ananda, translator. Barricade. By Utpal Dutt, Seagull Books, 2022.
- 10. Lal, P. Transcreation: Two Essays. Writers Workshop, 1972.
- Mukherjee, Sujit. "A Link Literature for India." Translation as Discovery, Orient Longman, 1994, pp. 34-45.
- 12. Ngangom, Robin S., editor and translator. The Anthology of Contemporary Poetry from the Northeast, NEHU, 2003.
- 13. Prasad, GJV, editor. India in Translation: Translation in India. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019.
- 14. Prasad, GJV, translator. "The City that Rises from Ashes." A Red-necked Green Bird, by Ambai, Simon & Schuster India, 2021, pp. 11-23.
- Prasad, G.J.V. "Writing Translation: The Strange Case of the Indian English Novel." Post-Colonial Translation, edited by Susan Bassnett and Harish Trivedi, Routledge UK, 1999, pp. 41-57.
- Singh, Namwar. "Decolonising the Indian Mind." Translated by Harish Trivedi, Indian Literature, vol. 35, no. 5 (151), Sept./Oct. 1992, pp 145-156.

- Tagore, Rabindranath. Gitanjali: A New Translation with an Introduction. Translated by William Radice, Penguin India, 2011.
- 18. Tagore, Rabindranath. "Nationalism in India." Nationalism, Penguin Books, 2009, pp. 63-83.

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SEMESTER - VI

Course Title (Core Course): Postcolonial Literatures

Course Code: A/ENG/602/MJC-14

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To cultivate in students an understanding of the social, historical, political and economic contexts of colonialism and postcolonialism in India and other countries affected by colonial rule
- To understand the scope of postcolonial literatures in India and elsewhere, primarily as a complex, many-shaded response to the long shadow of colonialism, in excess of mere colonial occupation
- To learn to analyse the effects of colonial rule on the language, culture, economy and habitat of specific groups of people affected by it through close literary-critical exegesis of a corpus Of representative postcolonial texts from different erstwhile colonial locations
- To link colonialism to modernity and debate and discuss the emergence of alternative modernities

Course Outcomes:

• To appreciate and analyse the spectre of growing inequality arising out of colonial occupation and the role played by postcolonial literatures to resist it in India and other postcolonial locations across the world

- To critically engage with issues of racism, imperialism and exploitation along gender lines during and after colonial occupation
- To understand the legacies of colonialism in shaping contemporary realities both post-colonial and post-imperial, including the matrix of neo-colonial conglomerates and the movements of resistance
- To explore the changing role and status of English in postcolonial literatures and its myriad links through translation-transmission to the global as also bhasha literatures, the latter in the context of India
- To kindle research interest among students in exploring the postcolonial phenomenon as refracted through literatures across Asia, Africa and South America from a comparative perspective, highlighting conversations and possibilities of collaboration-collusion between extra-metropolitan parts of the erstwhile empire

Course Content:

Unit I: Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o – Petals of Blood Monica Ali: Brick Lane Unit II: Pablo Neruda: "Tonight I can Write", "The United Fruit Co.," David Malouf: "Revolving Days", "Wild Lemons" Mamang Dai: "Small Towns and the River", "The Voice of the Mountain" Unit III: Background Prose Readings

De-colonization, Globalisation and Literature, Region, Race and Religion, Women and Postcolonialism/Gender and Identity, English and Bhasha: The Languages of Postcolonialism, Postcolonialism and Resistance, Literature and Identity Politics

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks		
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$		
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$		
02	Unit III	04	05	$02 \ge 05 = 10$		
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$		
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Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: 1x10=10

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

2 short questions/short notes worth 5 marks each to be attempted out of 4 from Unit III: 2x5=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

- 1. Ali, Monica. Brick Lane. Scribner, 2003.
- 2. Dai, Mamang. River Poems. Writers Workshop, 2004.
- 3. Devy, G. N. After Amnesia. Orient BlackSwan, 2017.
- Fanon, Franz. "The Negro and Language." Black Skin, White Masks, translated by Charles Lam Markmann, Pluto Press, 2008, pp. 8–27.
- 5. Gandhi, Leela. Postcolonial Theory: A Critical Introduction. Routledge, 1998.
- 6. Malouf, David. Revolving Days. University of Queensland Press, 2008.
- 7. Marquez, Gabriel Garcia. Chronicle of a Death Foretold. 1981. Penguin India, 2000.
- 8. Marquez, Gabriel Garcia. The Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech. Gabriel Garcia Marquez: New Readings, edited by Bernard McGuirk and Richard Cardwell, Cambridge University Press, 1987.
- 9. McLeod, John. Beginning Postcolonialism. Manchester University Press, 2000.
- Neruda, Pablo. Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair. 1924. Translated by W. S. Merwin, Penguin Classics, 2006.
- 11. Sharrad, Paul, et al., editors. The Novel in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific since 1950. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- 12. Thiong'o, Ngugi wa. "The Language of African Literature." Decolonising the Mind, Chapter 1, sections 4-6, James Curry, 1986.

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SEMESTER - VI

Course Title (Core Course): Science Fiction and Detective Literature

Course Code: A/ENG/603/MJC-15

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to write critically about the two genres of literature termed "Science Fiction" and "Detective Literature"
- To encourage students to explore the meanings and multiple facets of hitherto naturalized categories such as "crime" and "human/humanity" and their shifting contours
- To train students to analyze individual or multiple texts in the two genres in terms of key concepts including genre, implied audience, plot construction, linguistic texture, authorial identity, publication context and socio-historical contexts, co-texts

Course Outcomes:

- To make students engage with the socio-political, philosophical and psychological issues and debates pivotal to both the formats
- To train students to think through the concept of progress, the role of technology in our life and the many unfolding implications of the smudged borderlines between technological applications and the human condition
- To be able to trace and engage with the social and historical construction of crime
- To kindle research interest in both these formats with increasing resonance in contemporary literature

Course Content:

Unit I:

Manjula Padmanabhan: "Escape", "Exile", "2099"

H.G. Wells: The War of the Worlds

Unit II:

Arthur Conan Doyle: The Hound of the Baskervilles Agatha Christie: Murder on the Orient Express

Unit III:

Saradindu Bandyopadhyay: "Shajarur Kanta" (The Quills of the Porcupine)

Translated by Sreejata Guha

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings (for Internal Examination)

- Crime across the Media
- Constructions of Criminal Identity
- Cultural Stereotypes in Crime Fiction
- Science Fiction and the Present
- Science Fiction and Utopia/Dystopia
- Technology and Science Fiction
- Crime Fiction and Ethics
- Crime and Censorship

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit III	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: 1x10=10

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

- 1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10
- 5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

- 1. Allan, Janice, et al., editors. The Routledge Companion to Crime Fiction. Routledge, 2020.
- 2. Batchelor, John. H. G. Wells. Cambridge University Press, 1985.
- 3. Bould, Mark, et al., editors. The Routledge Companion to Science Fiction. Routledge, 2011.
- 4. Chandler, Raymond. The Big Sleep and Other Novels. Penguin, 2000.
- 5. Chandler, Raymond. "The Simple Art of Murder." Atlantic Monthly, Dec. 1944,

http://www.en.utexas.edu/amlit/amlitprivate/scans/chandlerart.html.

- 6. Chernaik, Warren, et al., editors. The Art of Detective Fiction. Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.
- 7. Conan Doyle, Arthur. The Hound of the Baskervilles. 1902. Penguin Classics, 2001.
- Edmund, Wilson J. "Who Cares Who Killed Roger Ackroyd?". The New Yorker, 20 June 1945.
- 9. Freedman, Carl. Critical Theory and Science Fiction. Wesleyan University Press, 2000.
- Gailor, Denis. " 'Wells's War of the Worlds', the 'Invasion Story' and Victorian Moralism." Critical Survey, Vol. 8, no. 3, 1996, pp. 270-76.
- 11. James, Edward, and Farah Mendlesohn, editors. The Cambridge Companion to Science Fiction. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Lantham, Rob, editor. Science Fiction Criticism: An Anthology of Essential Writings. Bloomsbury Academic, 2017.
- 13. Orwell, George. "Raffles and Miss Blandish." Horizon, Oct. 1944, www.georgeorwell.org/Raffles_and_Miss_Blandish/0.html
- 14. Padmanabhan,Manjula."2099."Outlook,1999,https://weirdfictionreview.com/2016/09/2099/
- 15. Padmanabhan, Manjula. Escape. Picador, 2008.
- 16. Padmanabhan, Manjula. Three Virgins and Other Stories. Zubaan, 2013.
- Palmer, Joy. "Tracing Bodies: Gender, Genre, and Forensic Detective Fiction." Whose Body: Recognizing Feminist Mystery and Detective Fiction, special issue of South Central Review, Vol. 18, No 3/4, Autumn-Winter 2001, pp. 54-71.
- 18. Parrinder, Patrick. Science Fiction: Its Criticism and Teachings. Routledge, 2005.
- Priestman, Martin, editor. The Cambridge Companion to Crime Fiction. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- 20. Rzepka, Charles J. "Introduction: What is Crime Fiction?". Companion to Crime Fiction: Blackwell Companions to Literature and Culture, edited by Charles J Rzepka and Lee Horsley, Wiley and Blackwell, 2010, pp. 1-9.

- Suvin, Darko. "On the Poetics of the Science Fiction Genre." College English, vol. 34, no. 3, December 1972, pp. 372–82.
- Wells. H. G. The War of the Worlds. 1897. With an Introduction by Brian Aldiss, Penguin Books, 2005.

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SEMESTER – VI

Course Title (Core Course): Partition Literature

Course Code: A/ENG/604/MJC-16

Credit: 04

Contact Hours/week: 04

Examination Duration: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Course Objectives:

- To introduce students to topics and texts related to colonialism, nationalism, the partition of India, communalism and violence, homelessness and exile, and the situation of women during partition
- To train students in close literary-critical reading of the prescribed texts as mapped against their socio-historical, political and economic contexts
- To sensitize students to the historical trajectory of the partition of the Indian subcontinent and its aftermath, as reflected in, also reflected on in the representative texts included in the curriculum

Course Outcomes:

- The texts selected focus on partition and its multidimensional issues, tremors and aftermaths, thereby nudging the learners to enter and explore the lives of the people as represented before and after the partition.
- The course aims to sensitize students to the legacies and afterlives of partition and cultivate an empathetic understanding of their contemporary resonances in the Indian subcontinent
- The course could kindle research interest among a set of students regarding multi-medial representations of the partition and the ethics and politics of such representations,

including the preservation of memory-archives and oral narratives surrounding the issue, and also at the same time, the forgiving and tenderness sometimes embedded in the contrapuntal right to forget

Course Content:

Unit I Khushwant Singh: *Train to Pakistan* Anis Kidwai: *In Freedom's Shade*

Unit II

Dibyendu Palit: "Alam's Own House"

Manik Bandyopadhyay: "The Final Solution"

Sa'adat Hasan Manto: "Toba Tek Singh"

Vswajyoti Ghosh (edited collection): "A Good Education", "The Taboo", "The Last Circus"

Unit III

Faiz Ahmad Faiz: "For Your Lanes, My Country"

Jibanananda Das: "I Shall Return to This Bengal"

Gulzar: "Toba Tek Singh"

Amrita Pritam: "To Waris Shah"

Suggested Topics and Readings for Class Presentation Topics (Internals)

Colonialism, Nationalism, and the Partition Communalism and Violence Homelessness and Exile Women in the Partition

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Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks.

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	04	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit III	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 4 questions from Unit I: **1x10=10**

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Background Readings and Screenings:

- 1. Antharajanam, Lalithambika. "A Leaf in the Storm." Translated by K. Narayana Chandran. *Stories about the Partition of India*, edited by Alok Bhalla, Manohar, 2012, pp. 137-145.
- 2. Bandyopadhyay, Manik. "The Final Solution." Translated by Rani Ray. *Mapmaking: Partition Stories from Two Bengals*, edited by Debjani Sengupta, Srishti, 2003.
- 3. Butalia, Urvashi. *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. Kali for Women, 2000.
- 4. Das, Jibanananda. "I Shall Return to This Bengal." Translated by Sukanta Chaudhuri, *Modern Indian Literature*, Oxford University Press, 2004.
- 5. Freud, Sigmund. "Mourning and Melancholia." *The Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, translated by James Strachey, Hogarth Press, 1953, pp. 3041–53.
- 6. Ghatak, Ritwik. Stories. Translated by Rani Ray, Niyogi Books, 2018.
- 7. Gulzar. "Toba Tek Singh." Translated by Anisur Rahman. *Translating Partition*, edited by Tarun Saint et al., Katha, 2001.
- 8. Hussain, Intizar. Basti. Translated by Frances W. Pritchett, Rupa, 1995.
- 9. Kumar, Sukrita P. Narrating Partition. Indialog, 2004.
- 10. Manto, Sa'adat Hasan. "Toba Tek Singh." *Black Margins: Manto*, translated by M. Asaduddin, Katha, 2003.

- 11. Menon, Ritu, and Kamla Bhasin. Introduction. *Borders and Boundaries*, Kali for Women, 1998.
- 12. Nandy, Pritish, editor. *Selected Poems of Amrita Pritam*. Dialogue Calcutta Publications, 1970.
- 13. Palit, Dibyendu. "Alam's Own House." Translated by Sarika Chaudhuri. *Bengal Partition Stories: An Unclosed Chapter*, edited by Bashabi Fraser, Anthem Press, 2008.
- 14. Ramhim, Riz, translator and editor. *In English: Faiz Ahmed Faiz, A Renowned Urdu Poet*. Xlibris, 2008.
- 15. Singh, Khushwant. Train to Pakistan. 1956. Orient Longman, 2005.

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Garam Hawa (dir. M.S. Sathyu, 1974). Khamosh Paani: Silent Waters (dir. Sabiha Sumar, 2003). Subarnarekha (dir. Ritwik Ghatak, 1965).

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<u>SEMESTER – VI</u>

Course Title (Minor Stream Course): Literature and Cinema Course Code: A/ENG/605/MN-6

Credit: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10)

Contact Hours/week: 04 Examination Duration: 2 Hours

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to present a coherent view of the relationship between written and cinematic texts by studying the points of contact of literary and cinematic praxis.
- To explore cinema as a syncretistic art form which could represent diverse time frames, situations, literary cultures and other media/forms
- To communicate the role of location in cinematic adaptations
- To enable students to study cinema as a composite medium of possibilities as audiovisual articulation, medium of adaptation/translation of literature across space and time, form of (popular) culture with massive outreach and a craft with its distinct parameters of reception and histories

Course Outcomes:

- To provide a theoretical framework to sensitize students to the possibilities of collaboration, intertextuality and difference between the media of literature and cinema
- To highlight the interdisciplinarity of culture studies and humanities by training students in close located readings and interpretations of literary texts and their cinematic adaptations, and to introduce them to related critical vocabularies and perspectives
- To examine different theories of adaptation and link them to contexts of cinematic expression and reception/interpretation, taking classics in fiction and film as case studies
- To identify and illustrate the distinction between the literary and cinematic crafts of seeing.
- To demonstrate a systematic and historically-grounded knowledge of literature and cinema as expressive arts, and their transformation, transposition and transfusion in the inbetween land of adaptation.

Course Content:

Unit I:

Monaco, James: "Film as an Art." Chap. 1, 1-46.

André Bazin: "The Evolution of the Language of Cinema" pp. 23-40 (from *What is Cinema* Vol. 1, Translated by Hugh Gray)

Unit II:

William Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, and its adaptations: Romeo & Juliet (1968; dir. Franco Zeffirelli, Paramount); and Romeo + Juliet (1996; dir. Baz Luhrmann, 20th Century Fox).

Franz Kafka's The Trial Film: The Trial (dir. Orson Welles, 1962)

Unit III:

Amrita Pritam: "Pinjar", and its adaptation: Pinjar (dir. C.P. Dwivedi, 2003)

Vikram Seth: A Suitable Boy, and its adaptation: A Suitable Boy (dir. Mira Nair, 2020)

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings (for Internal Examination)

- Theories of Adaptation
- Transformation and Transposition
- Hollywood and 'Bollywood'
- The 'Two Ways of Seeing'
- Adaptation as Interpretation

Marks Division:

The course will have an Internal Assessment Test of 10 marks. Question Pattern for End Semester Examination: Total 40 marks

No of questions to be attempted	From Unit No.	Total no. of questions from the Unit	Marks per question	Total Marks
01	Unit I	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit II	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
01	Unit III	02	10	$01 \ge 10 = 10$
05	Units I and II	10	02	$05 \ge 02 = 10$
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1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit I: 1x10=10

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit II: 1x10=10

1 long question worth 10 marks to be attempted out of 2 questions from Unit III: 1x10=10

5 short questions worth 2 marks each to be attempted out of 10 questions from Units I & II: 5x2=10

Recommended Reading:

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