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**SECOND SEMESTER 2019-2020**

# Course Handout Part II

Date: 06-01-2020

In addition to part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

*Course No.* : HSS F340

## Course Title : Postcolonial Literature

## Instructor-in-Charge : Dr. Maya Vinai

**Scope and Objective of the Course:** This course will help students to analyze post- colonial texts which discuss the aftermath of the imperial process. There will be an in-depth discussion on Orientalism and Euro-centrism, De-Colonization, Empire, politics of racism, representation and language. Knowledge of these post-colonial critical concepts will enable the learners to examine the psychological, cultural and political ramifications of the colonial experiences in the post colonial world (like India) by reflecting on their own social, historical and political contexts.

**Textbook:**

Nayar, Pramod. *Post Colonial Literature*. New Delhi: Pearson, 2008.

**Reference books:**

1. Ashcroft Bill, Gareth Griffith et al. *The Empire Writes Back – Theory and Practice in Post – Colonial Literatures.* 2nd Edition; New York: Routledge, 2002.
2. Forster E. M. *A Passage to India*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1978.
3. Loomba, Ania. *Postcolonial Studies and Beyond*. Orient Blackswan, 2007.
4. Mukundan M. *On the banks of Mayyazhi*. DC Books: Kottayam, 1974.
5. Prabhananda. S. *Max Muller and His Contemporaries*. Kolkata: Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, 2011.
6. Ross, Robert.L *Colonial and Post colonial Fiction in English: An Anthology*. New York: Garland Publishers, 1999.
7. Rushdie, Salman. *The Moor’s Last Sigh*. London: Vintage Books, 1978.
8. Nyugen, Minh Bich. *Stealing Buddha’s Dinner*. New Delhi: Penguin, 2008.
9. Sengupta, Jayanta. *The Lives of Objects: Stories from the Indian Museum*. Kolkata: Indian Museum, 2017.
10. Thiong’o Wa Ngugi. *Decolonizing the Mind*. James Currey: Rochester, 1990.
11. Benyamin. Al Arabian Novel Factory. Delhi: Juggernaut, 2019.

**Course Plan:**

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| **Lecture No.** | **Learning objectives** | **Topics to be covered** | **Chapter in the Text Book** |
| 1-3 | Examine the meaning of the term ‘postcolonial’ and discuss post colonial literatures in English Studies | Introduction to Post colonial discourse. Understanding basic postcolonial concepts by theorists like Fanon, Ngugi Wa Thiongo, Edward Said, Gayatri Spivak and Homi Bhabha. | TB- Chap 1 |
| 4-12 | Discuss the effects of colonialism in terms of cultural alienation. | Eurocentrisim  Orientalism and brief discussion of the imperial project through Education  Macaulay’s Minutes on English Education  Neo colonialism & its impact | TB (Chap.1)  Select Literary Text  (R. B 11 & 5) |
| 13- 19 | Discuss the construction of nation and nationhood | Colonization and Mimic Men  Postcolonial themes: community, space, food & nationhood | TB (Chap.1& 2)  Select Literary Text  (R.B 8) |
| 20-28 | Evaluate the representation of colonies and empire in colonial productions | Politics of représentation in colonial art (paintings) and colonial treatises, travel writings and memoirs | Class Notes & (R.B 5 & 9) |
| 29 – 35 | Analyze the role of language in construction of national culture, history and identity | De Colonization  Anti imperialist perspective of Ngugi Wa Thiongo and rise of the anti colonial struggle in Africa and Kenya. | Class Notes & (R.B 10) |
| 36 - 39 | Analyze strategies of resistance to Eurocentric assumptions. | Hybridization  Reclamation and assertion of identity, language and culture through linguistic and creative strategies. | Select Literary Texts  (R.B- 7) |
| 40-41 | Summing up | Emerging trends in the field of postcolonial literature. | Class Notes |

**Evaluation Scheme:**

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| **Component** | **Duration** | **Weightage (%)** | **Date, Time & Venue** | **Nature of Component** |
| Mid- Sem I | 2 hours | 30% | 4/3 9.00 - 10.30AM | CB |
| Assignment 1 |  | 15% | TBA | OB/ Take Home |
| Assignment 2 |  | 15% | TBA | OB/Take Home |
| Comprehensive Examination | 3 hours | 40% | 06/05 AN | CB |

**Chamber Consultation Hour**: To be announced in the class

**Notices:** Notices, if any, will be displayed on CMS.

**Make-up Policy:** Make up will be granted only in genuine cases.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

**Dr. Maya Vinai**

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