

SEMESTER- 1

Paper Code- MJ-1

No. of Credits-04

Paper Title : A BRIEF HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE

Full Marks:25 (SIE: 1Hr) +75 (ESE: 3 Hrs)=100**Pass Marks: (SIE+ESE)=40****Unit 1 - From Chaucer to the Early Modern Age**

Topics/Terms:- The Age of Chaucer, Renaissance, Elizabethan Poetry, University Wits, Senecan Tragedy, Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama, Shakespearean Tragedy, Comedy of Humours, Metaphysical Poetry, Caroline Poetry

Authors:- Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Edmund Spenser, John Donne, John Milton

Unit 2 - The Restoration and the Augustan Age

Topics/Terms:- Restoration, Comedy of Manners, Heroic Tragedy, Augustan, Neo-Classicism, Characteristics of Neo-Classical Poetry, 18th Century Satire, Precursors of Romantic Revival, Four Wheels of English Novel

Authors:- John Dryden, Alexander Pope, Dr. Samuel Johnson, Henry Fielding, Jonathan Swift

Unit 3 - The Romantic and the Victorian Age

Topics/Terms:- Romantic Revival, Romanticism, Characteristics of Romantic Poetry, Return to Nature, Impact of Industrialization, Victorian Compromise, Victorian Morality, Victorian Poetry, Pre-Raphaelite Poetry, Victorian Novel (Early and Later), Victorian Novelists, 19th Century Women Novelists

Authors:- William Wordsworth, S.T. Coleridge, P.B. Shelley, John Keats, A.L. Tennyson, Robert Browning, Matthew Arnold, Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Thomas Hardy

Unit 4 - The 20th Century Literature

Topics/Terms:- Modern Psychological Novel, Stream of Consciousness Technique, Georgian Poetry, War Poetry, Modern Poetry, Realism, Symbolism,

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Imagism, Revival of Verse Drama, The Problem Play/ Drama of Ideas,
Theatre of the Absurd, Modernism, Post-modernism

Authors:- T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats, D.H. Lawrence, James Joyce, E.M. Forster,
G.B. Shaw, Samuel Beckett

Suggested Readings:

English Literature: Its History and its Significance for the life of the English Speaking World- W.J.Long

History of English Literature - Edward Albert

A short History of English Literature - Sir Ifor Evans

An Introduction to the Study of English Literature - W.H.Hudson

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Distribution of Marks for Semester Internal Examination (SIE)-

The Semester Internal Examination (SIE) shall have two components:

- a. Semester Internal Assessment Test (SIA) of 20 marks
- b. Class Attendance Score (CAS) of 05 marks

In Semester Internal Assessment Test (SIA) there will be two groups of questions. **Group A** is compulsory which will contain **two** questions. **Question no. 1** will be very short answer type (excluding multiple choice questions) consisting of five questions of 01 mark each. **Question no. 2** will be short answer type of 05 marks. **Group B** will contain descriptive type two questions of 10 marks each, out of which **any one** is to be answered.

Distribution of Marks for End Semester Examination (ESE) – (Total Marks-75)

Group A - (Compulsory)

- i. **05 Very Short Answer Type Questions - 1 x 5 = 5**
Altogether **five** questions will be set for this section (excluding multiple choice question), touching all the four Units. The examinee will be required to answer **all the five** questions.
- ii. **01 Short Answer Type Question (to be answered in approx. 250 words) = 5**
One short answer type question from the first two units (*Unit 1 and 2*) will be set.
- iii. **01 Short Answer Type Question (to be answered in approx. 250 words) = 5**

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One short answer type question from the last two units (*Unit 3 and 4*) will be set.

Group B

- iv. **04 Descriptive Type Question (to be answered in approx. 600 words)- 15x4 =60**

Group B will contain **six descriptive type** questions, touching all the four Units. The examinee will be required to answer **any four** questions.

Note- If required, there may be **subdivisions** in each question asked.

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