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**ENGLISH  
Syllabus for M.Phil (ENGLISH) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Session 2014-2015**

Semester I	Title of the Course	Marks			Credits
		IA	UE	Total	
Paper I	Research Methodology	20	80	100	4
Paper II	Approaches to literature	20	80	100	4
Paper III	Advanced Literary Criticism	20	80	100	4

Semester II	Title of the Course	Marks			Credits
		IA	UE	Total	
Paper IV	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Papers (Choose Any One )</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. Translation Studies 2. Drama 3. Poetry</p>	20	80	100	4
Paper V	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Papers (Choose Any One )</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. Fiction 2. Non – Fiction Prose 3. English Language Teaching</p>	20	80	100	4
Paper VI	Dissertation and VivaVoce Viva Voce 50 marks Dissertation 150 marks			200	8

## PAPER I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

### Objectives

1. To initiate scientific approach to research
2. To develop historical perspectives on research
3. To enhance learners' understanding of the methods and mechanics of Research Writing

**Unit I** Identification of a research problem and the choice of subject

**Unit II** Norms, conventions and format of Thesis

**Unit III** The Mechanics of Writing

**Unit IV** Documentation - works cited

**Unit V** Presentation of research

The Mechanics of Writing, Proof Reading, Citation Parenthetical Referencing, Title, aim, objectives, e-resources quoting and in-text citations using standard research findings and style sheet.

### Prescribed Text

Gibaldi, Joseph. MLA Handbook for writers of Research Papers, New Delhi: EWP, 2009 (7<sup>th</sup> edition).

### Suggested Readings

1. Parsons C.J. Thesis and Project Work.
2. Anderson, Jonathan, B.H. Durston and M.Pcole. Thesis and Assignment Writing, New Delhi: Wiley Eastern, 1970.
3. Thorpe, ed. Aims and Methods of Scholarship.
4. Watson, G. The Literary Thesis.
5. Bateson, F.W. The Scholar Critic.
6. Ananda Kumar Raju. ABC of Literature.
7. Kothari, C.R. Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, Delhi: New Age International Ltd.1985.
8. Rengachari, S. & Rengachari, Sulochna. Research Methodology for English Literature, Bareilly: Prakash Book Depot,
9. Sinha, M.P. Research Methods in English.
10. Winkler, Anthony C. & Accuen, Jo Roy. Writing the Research Paper: Thomson Heinle, 2003.

## **PAPER II - APPROACHES TO LITERATURE**

### **Objectives**

- To introduce the major principles of literary theory and criticism
- To enhance understanding of aims of literary criticism. To provide knowledge of key terms and terminology
- To enhance the ability to generate and articulate personal responses to literary and critical texts
- To enable scholars to form a historical perspective on the evolution of critical approaches from Plato to Derrida
- To make students aware of the importance and main aspects of Indian aesthetics
- To make a comparative study of the critical perspective of East and West

### **Unit I**

Classical Age, Middle Age and Renaissance (pp. 1-67)

### **Unit II**

The Seventeenth Century I: Peacham, Drayton, Reynolds, Milton  
(Blamires, pp. 68-216)

The Seventeenth Century II: Rymer to Dennis

The Eighteenth Century I: The Age of Addison and Pope

The Eighteenth Century II: Johnson and his Successors

### **Unit III**

The Romantic Age (Blamires, pp 217-380)

The Victorian Age

The Twentieth Century I: The Early Decades The

Twentieth Century II: Post-war Developments

### **Unit IV**

Sigmund Freud (Lodge, pp 36-77)

C.G.Jung (Lodge, pp 175-227) Erich

Auerbach (Lodge, pp 316-333) Northrop

Frye (Lodge, pp. 422-442)

### **Unit V**

Feminist Literature

Elaine Showalter (Lodge & Wood, pp. 325 345)

Gayatri Chakravorti Spivak (Lodge & Wood, pp. 493 -509)

Indian Aesthetics

Main aspects of Indian Aesthetics

## Prescribed Texts

1. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literary Criticism. A Reader, David Lodge: Longman publishers.
2. Modern Criticism and Theory. A Reader, David Lodge and Nigel Wood: Pearson Publishers.
3. A History of Literary Criticism. Harry Blamires: Macmillan.

## Suggested Reading

1. Wimsatt, William, Jr. and Cleanth Brooks. Literary criticism: A Short History, New Delhi: Oxford & IBH, 1974.
2. Scott, Wilber. Five Approaches to Literature
3. Richards I.A. Practical Criticism, New Delhi: Allied, 1987.
4. Richards I.A. Principles of Literary Criticism, New Delhi: Allied

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## PAPER III ADVANCED LITERARY CRITICISM

A Study of the following Schools of criticism and critical theories

- 1) Marxist Criticism
- 2) Formalism
- 3) Structuralism
- 4) Post-Structuralism
- 5) Deconstruction
- 6) Feminist Theory
- 7) Psychoanalysis
- 8) New Historicism/Cultural Materialism
- 9) Post-Colonial Theory

Recommended Reading:

- 1) William Raymond, Marxism and Literature.
- 2) Eagleton Terry, Marxism and Literary Criticism.
- 3) Volosinov, V.N. Marxism and Philosophy of Language.
- 4) Caudwell, Christopher, Illusion and Reality.
- 5) Jameson, Frederic, Marxism and Form.
- 6) Lomon, Keet and Marion J. Reis, Russian Formalist Criticism: four essays.
- 7) Erlich, Victor, Russian Formalism: History-Doctrine.
- 8) Jameson, Frederic, The Prison House of Language.
- 9) Robey, David (ed.), Structuralism : An Introduction.
- 10) Lane, Michael (ed.) Structuralism : A Reader.
- 11) Culler, Jonathan, Structuralist Poetics.

- 12) Norris, Christopher, Deconstruction – Theory and Practice.
- 13) Culler, Jonathan, On Deconstruction.
- 14) Derrida Jacques, Of Grammatology.

## **PAPER IV - SPECIAL PAPER**

### **1. TRANSLATION STUDIES**

#### **Objectives**

Students are expected to

- Develop a historical perspective on translation studies from ancient to modern times
- Acquaint themselves with the concepts of 'history' and 'translation'
- Develop an interest in identifying the social motivations for any translated work

#### **Unit I**

Central issues - Language and culture - Types of Translation (pp. 11-23)

#### **Unit II**

Problems of equivalence - Loss and Gain - Untranslatability - Science or 'secondary activity'? (pp. 23-44)

#### **Unit III**

History of 'period study' - The Romans - Bible translation - Education and the vernacular - Early theorists (pp. 45-59)

#### **Unit IV**

The Renaissance - The seventeenth century - The eighteenth century - Romanticism - Post - Romanticism - The Victorians - Archaizing - The Twentieth century (pp.60-78)

#### **Unit V**

Specific problems of literary translation - Structures - Poetry and translation - Translating prose - Translating dramatic texts (pp.79-131)

#### **Prescribed Text**

Susan Bassnett, Third edition. Translation Studies, London and New York: Routledge.

#### **Recommended Reading**

1. Catford, John C. A Linguistic Theory of Translation, London: Oxford University Press, 1965.
2. Hatim, Basil. Teaching and Researching Translation, Harlow: Longman, 2001.
3. Newmark, Peter. A Textbook of Translation. London and New York: Prentice - Hall, 1988.

4. Steiner,G. After Babel : Aspects of Language and Translation. Oxford: The University Press, 1975.
5. Bassnet, Susan, "Literary research and translation," The Handbook To Literary Research. Eds. Delia da Sousa Correa & W.R.Owens. London: Routledge, 1998. (2010 edition),pp 167-183.

## PAPER IV - SPECIAL PAPER

### 2. DRAMA

#### Objectives

- To acquaint students with an overview of the great ages, and cultures
- To trace the growth and development of the genre
- To identify the common themes that run through the plays belonging to different countries, ages
- To comprehend the employment of techniques, devices and strategies in dramatic works
- To develop a critical perspective on the intersections between drama and life
- To appreciate dramatic texts in their socio-political - cultural contexts

#### Unit I

Sophocles - Oedipus Rex

#### Unit II

Henrik Ibsen - Hedda Gabler

#### Unit III

Luigi Pirandello - Six characters in search of an Author

#### Unit IV

Anton Chekov - Cherry Orchard

#### Unit V

Girish Karnad - Fire in the Rain

#### Suggested Reading

Bentley, Eric. The Playwright as Thinker: Study of Drama in Modern Times, New York: Harcourt, 1967

Gassner, John. Theatre at the Cross Roads, New York: Holt, 1960

Bogard, Tracis, ed. Modern Drama: Essays in Criticism, New York: OUP, 1965

Steiner, George. The Death of Tragedy, New York: Knopf, 1967

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## PAPER IV - SPECIAL PAPER

### 3. POETRY

#### Objectives

- To form a historical perspective on various types and schools of poetry
- To appreciate the metaphorical, symbolic and figurative nature of English language
- To relate a poet to his poetry and its relevance to society

#### Unit I

Spense - 'Faerie Queene Book I'  
r Pope - 'The Rape of the Lock'

#### Unit II

T.S.Eliot - 'The Wasteland'  
G.M.Hopkins - 'The Wreck of Deutschland'

#### Unit III

Edwin Arlington Robinson - 'The Man Against the Sky'  
Robert Frost Walt - 'The Death of a Hired Man'  
Whitman - 'When Lilacs Last on the Dooryard Bloom'd'

#### Unit IV

Richard Nturu - 'The Shape of Fear'  
Gabriel Okara - 'Once Upon a Time'  
A.D.Hope Judith - 'The Death of a Bird'  
Wright Margaret - 'The Harp and the King'  
Atwood - 'Journey to the Interior'

**Taken from the Anthology of Commonwealth Poetry** Ed by C.D. Narasimiah

#### Unit V

Rabindranath Tagore - 'Gitanjali'  
A.K. Ramanujan - 'Small Scale Reflections on a Great House'  
Toru Dutt Nissim - 'Our Casuarina Tree'  
Ezekiel Kamala Das - 'Enterprise'  
- 'The Old Playhouse'



## PAPER V SPECIAL PAPER

### 1. FICTION

#### Objectives

To acquaint students with a variety of narrative techniques and strategies  
To enable students to interpret texts using theoretical / background knowledge  
To enable students to do character analysis based on traits/characteristics and using psychological theories

Lloyd C. Douglas	- <u>The Robe</u>
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	- <u>One Hundred Years of Solitude</u>
Ameen Merchant	- <u>Silent Raga</u>
Khaled Husseini	- <u>A Thousand Splendid Suns</u>
William Faulkner	- <u>As I Lay Dying</u>

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## PAPER V - SPECIAL PAPER

### 2. NON-FICTION PROSE

- To enable students to develop critical thinking skills
- To enable students to identify and interpret features of good prose
- To enhance their understanding of the interface between prose works and issues in society and life
- To enhance their interpretative abilities

#### Unit I

Boswell Cardinal	- 'Life of Johnson' -
Newman	'Idea of a University'

#### Unit II

Emerson Lionel	- 'Self Reliance' -
Trilling	'Beyond Culture'

#### Unit III

Betrand Russell - 'Science & Society'

Carl Sagan - 'Broca's Brain'

#### **Unit IV**

Thomas DeQuincy - 'Literature'

J.A.Symonds - 'Personal Style'

Cardinal Newman - 'Knowledge Its own End'

#### **Unit V**

Mahatma Gandhi - 'My Experiments with Truth'

#### **Reference Books**

A. Rees, Theodore. Writing Creative Non-fiction, Ten Seed Press, 2001

Cumberlege, G.FJ. Several Essays (Second edition), OUP

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### **PAPER V - SPECIAL PAPER**

#### **3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING**

##### **Objectives**

- To enable students to internalize wide range of approaches, methods, techniques, and critical research on English Language Learning and Teaching
- To enrich learners' performance on ICT enabled language learning
- To enable learners to critically analyze language theories and methods
- To orient learners in the practical applications of ELT
- To explore and develop the educational relationships both actual and potential between evaluation and language testing

##### **Unit I**

###### **Approaches and methods in language teaching**

1. Major language trends in twentieth-century language teaching (Jack C. Richards & Theodore S.Rodgers, 1-71)
2. Alternative approaches and methods (Jack C. Richards & Theodore S.Rodgers, 71-150)
3. Current communicative approach (Jack C. Richards & Theodore S.Rodgers, 151-256)

##### **Unit II**

###### **Second language learning and language teaching**

1. Background to second language acquisition research and language teaching (Vivian Cook, 1-17)
2. The goals of language teaching (Vivian Cook, 194- 213)
3. Second language learning and language teaching styles (Vivian Cook, 235-272)

##### **Unit III**

###### **Research methods in language learning**

1. An introduction to research methods and tradition (David Nunan, 1-23)

2. The experimental method (David Nunan, 24-51)
3. Classroom observation and research (David Nunan, 91-114)
4. Elicitation techniques (David Nunan, 136-158)
5. Doing research (David Nunan, 211-228)

#### **Unit IV- Teaching English language learners through technology**

1. Writing and reading facilitative e-tools: getting ECCS to improve and focus on their literacy skills (Tony Erben, 131-140)
2. Managing teaching through virtual learning environment (Tony Erben, 166-171)
3. The potential of technology for language learning (Carol A Chapelle, 35-67)
4. Evaluating language teaching (Carol A Chapelle, 69-96)
5. Investigating learner's use of technology (Carol A Chapelle, 97-125)

#### **Unit V**

##### **Practical English Language Teaching and Testing**

1. Teaching listening, speaking, reading, writing and vocabulary (Caroline T. Linse, 21-135)
2. Assessing (Caroline T. Linse, 137- 162)
3. Testing in Language classes (Desmond Allison, 61-94)
4. Evaluation procedures and instruments (Desmond Allison, 95-113)

##### **Prescribed Text:**

1. Approaches and methods in language teaching (Second edition ) by Jack C. Richards & Theodore S. Rodgers, Cambridge University Press, 2001
2. Second language learning and language teaching (Fourth Edition ) by Vivian Cook, Hodder Education, London, 2008
3. Research methods in language learning by David Nunan, Cambridge University Press, 1992
4. Practical English language teaching: Young Learners by Caroline T. Linse, McGraw Hill Companies Inc. New York, 2005
5. Teaching English language learners through technology by Tony Erben, Ruth Ban, Martha Castaneda, Routledge publication, New York 2009
6. English language learning and technology by Carol A Chapelle, John Benjamins Publishing Co, Philadelphia, 2003
7. Language testing and evaluation- an introductory course by Desmond Allison. Singapore University Press 1999.

##### **Suggested Reading:**

1. A history of English Language Teaching (second edition) by A.P.R. Howatt and H.D.

Widdoson. Oxford University Press 2004

2. Innovations in English Language Teaching: A Reader by David R. Hall and Ann Hewings. Routledge 2011
3. Approaches to ELT by Joseph C. Mukalel. Discovery publishing house. New Delhi 2007
4. Doing action research in ELT, a guide for practitioners by Anne Burns, Routledge 2010
5. Essentials for successful ELT by Thomas S.C. Farrell and George M. Jacobs. Continuum International publishing groups 2011.
6. Fundamental considerations in Language Testing by Lyle F. Bachman. Oxford University Press 2003
7. Language Testing in Practice by Lyle F. Bachman and Adrian S. Palmer. Oxford University Press 2004.

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