**Course Specification for Introduction to English Literature**

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| **College** | Zulfi College of Education | | |
| **Department** | English Language Department | | |
| **Course Name:** | Introduction to English Literature | Course Code | ENG225 |
| **Level** | 4 | Credit Hours | 3. hrs. |
| **Course Objective** | Being the only literature course in the whole syllabus, it attempts to provide students with:  1. A brief, but comprehensive survey of the major literary movements/ages of English literature.  2. To provide students with a general historical survey of English literature (by summarizing the key features of literary ages/eras: Classical/Anglo-Saxon – Mediaeval (Chaucer) - Renaissance/Shakespearian- Romantic- Victorian- Modern- Post-modern Periods.  3. To expand language awareness by examining sophisticated or non-standard examples of language, which make students more aware of the norms of language use. | | |
| **Course Content** | 1. What is Literature / Importance of literature/ Different genres of literature /Brief introduction to History of English literature | | |
| 1. Poetry-Types of stanza, Poetry (Ballad, Elegy, Ode, Sonnet, Lyric, Haiku, Diamante, Quatrain, Epic, Free verse Poetry) •Poets and poems/ Selected poems from different ages of literature. | | |
| 1. Drama-history of drama, Aristotle's rules of ancient drama, tragedy, comedy, melodrama, tragicomedy. •Element of Drama-protagonist, Dialogue, monologue, soliloquy, antagonist, internal and external conflict, chorus. •Dramatists-Shakespeare, Congreve, Bernard Shaw, | | |
| 1. Prose-Non-Fiction (Biographies, autobiographies, informational) •Fiction-Short story-(important elements-character, setting, plot, theme and conflict).Novel- Science fiction, Adventure, Mystery, Fantasy, legend, picaresque. Novelists, Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, Thomas Hardy, Jane Eyre | | |
| 1. Reading literature: poems, excerpts from drama, novel and prose. | | |
| 1. Brief introduction to literary criticism. | | |
| **Required Textbook** | 1. G C Thornley and Gwyneth Roberts (n. d) An Outline of English Literature. | | |
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