

## SEMESTER III

### ENGDSC-201

## Literary Movements in English Literature

**Course Objective:** This course is intended to familiarise the students with the major literary movements that have influenced English literature from the Renaissance to the dawn of the 21st century. The course will initiate the students to look at literature through the lens of literary movements for a better and comprehensive understanding of literary texts and appreciate the fact that literature does not grow in a vacuum but is a result of various historical, political, social and artistic factors.

**Learning Outcome:** After completing the course the students will be able to comprehend the underlying currents that have shaped English literature from time to time. The students will also be able to appreciate how an understanding of different literary movements helps in understanding and analysing works of literature

#### Unit I:

1. The Renaissance (Humanism, Capitalism & Trade, Exploration & Discovery, Beginning of Colonialism)
2. Elizabethan Drama
3. Puritanic Literature

#### Unit II:

1. The Restoration
2. The Enlightenment
3. Augustanism
4. Neo-classicism

#### Unit III:

1. Gothic Literature
2. Romanticism
3. Victorianism
4. Pre-Raphaelite Movement

#### **Unit IV:**

1. Irish Dramatic Movement
2. Symbolism
3. Modernism
4. The Apocalyptic Movement

#### **Unit V:**

1. Absurdism
2. Postmodernism
3. The Movement of the 1950s
4. Postcolonialism

#### **Recommended Reading:**

Ashok, Padmaja. *The Social History of England*, Orient Blackswan, 2011.  
Choudhury, Bibhash. *English Social and Cultural History*, Prentice Hall of India, 2005.  
Milne, Ira Mark. *Literary Movements for Students*, Cengage Learning, 2009.  
Nayar, Pramod K. *A Short History of English Literature*, Amity University Press, 2018.

#### **Scheme of Examination:**

The Core Course will be of 100 marks.  
Internal Examination: 30 marks.  
End Semester Examination: 70 marks.

#### **End Semester Examination (70 Marks):**

1. STA: To answer 2 questions out of 3 from each unit @ 2 marks per question  
(3 questions per unit x 5 units = 15 questions)  
2 questions x 5 units x 2marks each = 20 marks
2. Broad Type/Essay Type Answer with “either/or” option:  
{like “either (a) or (b)”, “either (a) and (b) or (c) and (d)”, etc.}  
To answer 1 question out of 2 from each unit @ 10 marks per question  
(1 question x 5 units x 10 marks each = 50 marks)

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