### M.A. ENGLISH SYLLABUS

(Semester-First)

Course No. 405 Duration of Examination: 3 hrs.

Title of the Course: DRAMA-I Total Marks: 100

Credits: 4 (a) Semester Examination-80

(b) Sessional Assessment-20

Syllabus for the examinations to be held in Dec. 2006, Dec. 2007 & Dec. 2008.

**Objective:** The purpose of the course is to acquaint the students with the growth and development of English Drama from the Medieval to the Jacobean Period from the literary and historical perspectives. The course introduces the students to the different kinds of drama. They will study the form and literary problems associated with the prescribed plays.

## **Texts Prescribed (Detailed Study)**

### Unit-I

1. Christopher Marlowe : Doctor Faustus

### Unit-II

2. William Shakespeare : King Lear

### Unit-III

3. William Shakespeare : The Tempest

### Unit-IV

4. Ben Jonson : Volpone

Unit-V

5. John Webster : The Duchess of Malfi

**Mode of Examination:** Total number of questions to be set will be six and five to be attempted. Question Number 1 is compulsory and will comprise ten short answer questions on passages taken from the five text books. The students will attempt any five questions. The answer will pertain to the explanation of the passages in terms of the dramatic technique, style, allusions, symbols, imagery, diction etc. wherever applicable, in not more than fifty words. Total Number of marks allotted to Question Number one will be 20 marks. (Four marks per passage, 4x5 = 20). Question Numbers 2 to 6 will be long answer questions of 15 marks each. The questions will be on the five units with internal choice from within the unit. The student will attempt any four. (15x4 = 60)

## Required Reading:

W. Shakespeare : Othello, Hamlet, Troilus and

Cressida and other plays.

C.Marlowe : Tamburlaine

Ben Jonson : Alchemist

### **Books Recommended:**

1. Bewes, Feidson : Elizabethan Revenge Tragedy

2. Ellis Fermor, Una : The Jacobean Drama

3. Kaufman, Ralph ed. : Elizabethan Drama

4. Lucas, F.L : Seneca and the Elizabethan

Tragedy

5. Ribner, Irving : Jacobean Tragedy; The quest for

Moral Order.

6. Wilson, Frank P. : Elizabethan and Jacobean

7. Johnson, Ben : Everyman in his Humour

8. Kyd Thomas : The Spanish Tragedy

9. Bradly A.C. : Shakesperean Tragedy

10. Knight WIlson : Wheel of fire

11. Jonson : Preface to Shakespeare

12. Welsford, E : The Fool in Shakespeare

13. Charlton, H.D. : Shakespearean Comedy

14. Jon Palner : Comic Characters in Shakespeare

15. Karmode, Frank : Shakespeare's final plays

16. Bradbrooh, M.C. : Themes and conventions of

Elizabethan Tragedy.

Course No. 406 Duration of Examination-3 hrs.

Title of the Course: Novel-I Total Marks -100

Credit: 4 (a) Semester Examination-80

(b) Sessional Assessment - 20

Syllabus for the examinations to be held in Dec. 2006, Dec. 2006 & Dec. 2007.

Objective: The students will be required to the study the rise of the English novel in the 18th century with special reference to the epistolary, Picaresque, gothic forms; character writing and realism in the 18 century fiction.

# Texts prescribed (For Detailed Study)

### UNIT-I

1. John Bunyan : Pilgrim's Progress

### **UNIT-II**

2. Daniel Defoe : Moll Flanders

### UNIT-III

3. Henry Fielding : Joseph Andrews

### **UNIT-IV**

4. Lawrence Sterne : Tristam Shandy

### UNIT- V

5. Jane Austen : Emma

**Mode of Examination :** Total number of questions to be set will be six and five to be attempted. Question Number 1 is compulsory and will comprise ten short answer questions on the five prescribed text books. The students will be required to attempt any five. The short answer questions will relate to the narrative technique, forms, style, allusions, characterization, plots, theme, etc-of the five prescribed texts. The answers will not exceed fifty words. Total Number of marks allotted to Question Number 1 will be 20. (4x5 = 20).

Question Numbers 2 to 6 will be long answer questions on the five prescribed texts (units) with internal choice from within the unit. The student will attempt any four. Each question will carry 15 marks (15x4=60).

## Required Reading:

1. Henry Fielding : Tom Jones

2. Jane Austen : 1. Pride and rejudice

: 2. Mansfield Park

3. Sense and Sensibility

3. Allen, Walter : The English Novel: A short

Critical history

4. Forster, EM : Aspects of the Novel

5. Kettle, Arnold : An Introduction to the English

Novel Vol.I

6. Watt, Jan : The Rise of the Novel: Studies in

Defoe, Richardson and Fielding

7. Dobson, Austin : Fielding

8. Wright, Andrew H : Jane Austen's Novel

9. Lubbock, Percy : The Craft of Fiction

10. Willey, Basil : The Eighteenth Century Back-

ground: Studies on the idea of

nature in thought of the period.

11. Tobin, James E : Eighteenth Century literature

and its cultural background.

12. Eagleton. T : The Rape of Clarrisa.

Course No. 407 Duration of Examination-3 hrs

Title of the Course: Poetry - I Total Marks - 100

Credits:4 (a) Semester Examination-80

(b) Sessional Assessment - 20

Syllabus for the examinations to be held in Dec. 2006, Dec. 2007 & Dec. 2008.

Objective: The student will study the ripening of the Middle Ages and the gradual manifestations of the Renaissance and Reformation. Along with Chaucer, the late Elizabethan, 17th, 18th century poetry and the puritan Revolution, will be studied. The students will be required to identify the common and the distinctive features of the poets as well as of the period.

## Texts Prescribed (For detailed study)

### **UNIT-I**

1. Geoffrey Chaucer : Prologue to the Canterbury Tales

### **UNIT-II**

2. Willam Shakespeare: The following nine sonnets

(i) When I consider everything that grows.

- (ii) Tired with all these, for restful death I cry.
- (iii) No more be grieved at what thou hast done.
- (iv) Let me not to the marriage of true minds.
- (v) They that have power to hurt, and will do none.
- (vi) Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore.
- (vii) My love is as a fever longing still.
- (viii) My Mistress eyes are nothing like the sun.
- (ix) Thou blind fool, what dost thou to mine eyes.

## UNIT - III

3. John Milton

Paradise Lost BOOK I

### **UNIT-IV**

4. John Donne

Valediction Forbidding Mourning, the Relique, Lover's Infiniteness, The Canonization, Batter my Heart, Three personed Hymn to god, My god in sickness.

### **UNIT-V**

5. Alexander Pope :

The Rape of the Lock.

**Mode of Examination:** Total number of questions to be set will be six and five to be attempted. Question Number 1 will be compulsory and will comprise short answer questions on lines taken from the prescribed Poems of the five units. The students will be required to explain the given lines in not more than 50 words in terms of diction, syntax, form, allusions, imagery, symbol and metre, wherever applicable. Ten passages from the five prescribed poets will be given, out of which the student will attempt any five. Total Number of marks allotted to Question Number 1 will be 20. (Four marks per passage) (4x5 = 20).

Question Number 2 to 6 will be long answer questions of 15 marks each. The questions will be on the five units with internal choice from within the unit. Out of these, the student will attempt any four, each question will carry 15 marks (15x4 = 60)

## Suggested Reading.

- 1. Age of Chaucer by Boris Ford.
- 2. Age of Shakespeare by Boris Ford.

- 3. Donne to Marvell by Boris Ford.
- 4. Grierson and Smith: A Critical History of English Poetry.
- 5. J.Spears: Chaucer, the Maker.
- 6. J.W.Lever: The Elizabethan Love Sonnet.
- 7. Joan Bennett: Five Metaphysical Poets.
- 8. W.R.Keast: 17th Century English Poetry: Modern Essays In Criticism.
- Hallett Smith: Elizabethan poetry: A study in conventions, meaning and expression.
- 10. Rosemund Tuve: Elizabethan and Metaphysical Imagery.

Course No. 408 Duration of Examination-3 hrs

Title of the Course: Non Fictional Prose

Total Marks - 100

Credits: 4 (a) Semester Examination - 80

(b) Sessional Assessment - 20

Syllabus for the examinations to be held in Dec. 2006, Dec. 2007 & Dec. 2008.

Objective: The objective of this course will be to acquaint the students with different kinds of prose style such as Curt Senecan, Ciceronian, Satirical, Romantic and Philosophical etc. The students will also study the Aphoristic, mock-epic, autobiographical and philosophical form of the English Essay.

# Texts prescribed (For detailed study)

### UNIT-I

1. Francis Bacon : The following essays

(i) Of Studies

(ii) Of Atheism

(iii) Of Seditions and Troubles

(iv) Of Great Place

(v) Of Marriage and Single Life

From Bacon's Essays ed. F.G. Selby

**UNIT-II** 

2. John Milton : Areopagitica.

UNIT-III

3. Jonathan Swift : The Battle of Books

### **UNIT-IV**

4. Charles Lamb : (From the Essays of Elia)

(i) Dream Children: A Reverie

(ii) Oxford in the Vacation.

(iii) South Sea Bubble

(iv) A Bachelor's complaint of the Behaviour of married people.

(From Essays of Elia Ed. N.L Hallward and S.L.Hill)

#### **UNIT-V**

5. John Ruskin : UNTO THIS LAST

6. Bertrand Russel : i. Currents of thought in the Ninteenth century.

ii. Philosophical Liberalism. From : A History of Western Philosophy (Touch Stone BKS : New York) By Bertrand Russell.

**Mode of Examination :** Total number of questions to be set will be six and five to be attempted. Question Number one will be compulsory, and will comprise of ten short answer questions on passages taken from the prescribed texts of the prose writers of the five units. The students will be required to comment on the prose style, syntax, literary devices, etc. of the given passages in not more than fifty words. Ten passages from the six prescribed prose writers will be given out of which the student will attempt any five. Total Number of marks allotted to Question Number one will be 20. (4x5 = 20).

Question Numbers 2 to 6 will be long answer questions with internal choice from within the unit. Out of these, the student will attempt any

four. Each question will carry 15 marks (15x4 = 60).

Suggested Reading:

1. M. W.Croll : Style, Rhetoric, Rhythm

2. Brain Vikers : Francis Bacon and the

Renaissance Prose.

3. Hugh Walker : Essay and Essayists.

4. Hugh Walker : Satire and Satirist.

5. Boris Ford : From Black to Byron and Dickens to

Hardy.

6. Middleton Murray : The problem of style.

7. Herbert Read : English Prose style.

8. Allen Warner : A short guide to English Prose style.

9. Ian Gorden : The Movements of English Prose.

10. Bonamy Dobree : Modern Prose Style.

11. Marjorie Boulton : The Anatomy of Prose.

12. Macaulays : Essays

13. Thomas Carlyle : Hero and Hero Worship.

14. Thomas More : Utopia.

15. Robert Burton : Anatomy of Melancholy

16. Richard Hooker : Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity.

## DETAILED SYLLABUS SEMESTER SECOND

Course No. 458 Duration of Examination-3 hrs

Title of the Course: Drama - II Total Marks - 100.

Credits: 4 (a) Semester Examination - 80

(b) Sessional Assessment - 20

Syllabus for the examinations to be held in May 2006, May 2007 & May 2008.

### UNIT-I

1. William Congreve : The Way of the World

**UNIT-II** 

2. G.B.Shaw : Man and Superman

UNIT-III

3. T.S. Eliot : The Cocktail Party

UNIT-IV

4. John Osborne : Look Back in Anger

5. Samuel Beckett : Waiting for Godot

UNIT- V

6. Bartolt Brecht : Mother Courage

Objective: The purpose of the course will be to acquaint the students with the development of Drama from Restoration to the Twentieth Century. The Sociological, Philosophical and literary implications of the prescribed plays as well as the different dramatic techniques will be studied.

**Mode of Examination :** Total number of questions set will be six and five to be attempted. Question Number 1 is compulsory, and will comprise ten short answer questions on passages taken from the six texts, and the students will be required to attempt any five questions. The students will be required to explain given passages in terms of style, technique, allusions, etc. wherever applicable in not more than fifty words. Total number of marks allotted to Question Number 1 will be 20. (Four marks per passage) (4x5 = 20).

Question Numbers 2 to 6 will be long answer questions with internal choice carrying 15 Marks each, and the students will attempt any four : (15x4=60).

### Suggested Reading:

1. T.S. Eliot : Selected Essays (on Drama)

2. Bonamy Dobree : Restoration Comedy

3. Thomas H.Fujimura : The Restoration Comedy of Wit.

4. John Loftis, Ed. : Restoration Drama : Modern Essays

in Criticism.

5. Raymond Williams : Drama from Ibsen to Brecht.

6. John Russel Brown : Theatre Language : A study of Arden.

Osborne, Pinter and Wesker.

7. John Russell Taylor : Anger and After : Guide to the New

British Drama.

8. Katherine J. Worth : Revolution in Modern English Drama