

Bachelor's Degree Programme

Generic Elective in English for Students of Honours Core in Other Dsciplines

An Overview of the Syllabus

Semester	Course Code	Course Title
III	ENG-GE I	English Literature
IV	ENG-GE II	Grammar and Composition

BREAK-UP OF THE SYLLABUS

Semester III

ENG-GE II - ENGLISH LITERATURE

Unit 1 - Poetry (Poems prescribed):

- i. Shakespeare - 'Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind'
- ii. John Donne - 'Death, be not Proud'
- iii. John Milton - 'On His Blindness'
- iv. Alexander Pope - 'Ode on Solitude'
- v. William Wordsworth - 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'
- vi. John Keats - 'Ode to Autumn'

Unit 2 - George Bernard Shaw, *Arms and the Man*

Unit 3 - Figures of Speech:
Simile, Metaphor, Alliteration, Onomatopoeia, Antithesis, Irony, Pun, Climax, Anticlimax, Metonymy, Synecdoche, Exaggeration.

Unit 4 - Literary Forms:
Sonnet, Ode, Lyric, Elegy, Epic, Verse Satire, Dramatic Monologue, Tragedy, Comedy, Comedy of Manners, Absurd Drama, Problem Play, Historical Novel, Regional Novel, Picaresque Novel.

Distribution of Marks (for End Semester Examination):

- i. **02 Long Answer Type Questions (to be answered in approx. 500 words) - 2 x 15 = 30**
One long answer type question with an alternative from each of the first two units will be set.

ii. 04 Short Answer Type Questions (to be answered in approx. 250 words) - 4 x 10 = 40

One short answer type question / **Explanation (in case of units containing poems)** from each of the four units will be set. The examinee will be required to answer any two questions.

iii. Multiple Choice Questions (10) - 1 x 10 = 10

Altogether fifteen Multiple Choice Questions will be set for this section. The examinee will be required to answer any ten.

Semester IV

ENG-GE II - GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION

- Unit 1 - Common Errors based on Subject-Verb Agreement, Time & Tense, Preposition, Phrasal Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Use of Noun
- Unit 2 - Synonyms; Antonyms; Homonyms; Single Word Substitution; Idioms & Phrases; Word Formation (Prefix & Suffix)
- Unit 3 - Comprehension
- Unit 4 - Précis

Distribution of Marks (for End Semester Examination):

- Unit 1 : Questions based on components of the unit with alternatives - 25 Marks**
- Unit 2 : Questions based on components of the unit with alternatives - 25 Marks**
- Unit 3 : Comprehension of an unseen passage - 15 Marks**
- Unit 4 : Précis of an unseen passage - 15 Marks**