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Programme Profile Report for English

I. General Objectives:

a) Relevance of programmes to the institution's mission and greater literature is the foundation of life. It places an emphasis on many topics helping us to become much more enlightened and critical in reading, writing and thinking thereby expanding our views. Therefore, the basic mission and goal of the institution is to help the learners develop new ideas and ethical viewpoints by enriching them with eye-opening experience.

b) Objectives of the programme: literature is an expression of human values within a historical and social context. Therefore, it will help to study and deepen the awareness of the universal human concerns in the learners that is the basis for literary works. The learners will be introduced to the characteristics of various literary genres. The course will also help in developing the analytical skills and critical thinking of the learners through reading, discussions, presentations and written assignments. This will also help stimulating a greater appreciation of language as an artistic medium and of the aesthetic principles that shape literary works.

c) Nature of prospective target group of students:

i) It will cater to those who are unable to pursue higher education due to various reasons, like lack of institution in their locality or inability to get admissions in regular courses.

ii) Learners who are employed or already teaching at schools and are interested in pursuing higher education to improve and enhance their knowledge in the respective subject and thus to better their career prospects.

iii) Learners who want to specialize in the research works such as M.Phil and Ph.D.

iv) Learners who wish to develop their reading and writing skills and other learner characteristics that may affect the design and delivery of instruction.

d) Appropriateness of Open and Distance Learning mode for acquiring specific competencies or skills: Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions are not fully impacting education as an alternative to the formal system i.e. education in conventional classroom programmes, but also in professional skill development programmes such as vocational and continuing education, teacher education and even in high technology areas of education.

II. Instructional Design:

a) Duration: 3 years minimum, maximum 5 years

b) Faculty and support staff requirements: In order to run the contact and counselling programme effectively, there are full-time working Counselling Coordinators for the courses. The Counselling Coordinators do the necessary coordination for involving resource person in the programme and assignment evaluation. The learners can also contact them for clarifying their difficulties.

c) Instructional delivery mechanisms: For publishing the study material, the IDE appoints subject coordinators from within and outside the University. Counselling Coordinators are engaged from the Departments of the University. The programme includes orientation class, counselling classes, tutorial, doubt clearing sessions etc.



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- (d) Identification of media and student support service system: The course curriculum of the programme involves counselling in the form of personal Contact and Counselling programme of duration of approximately 15-20 days. Audio-visual materials are also provided. There is also access to online books and journals. The coordinators of each subject form groups on social media (WhatsApp) where important topics are shared followed by discussions. The learners are also provided with audio-visual classes, self-instructional study materials, lectures, presentations, individual and group discussions.
 - (e) Procedure for admission: Prospectus with an admission form is available at IDE, RGU and its respective study centres. The students during the admission should submit their original registration card and migration certificate with all the other required documents mentioned in the prospectus within a specified period.
 - (f) Curriculum transaction and evaluation: The course curriculum involves Contact and Counselling programme at the institution. The learners are given assignment which is compulsory. The learners will have to submit the assignment in order to be eligible for appearing the final examination. Examination is conducted annually. The assignment will carry 30% and the written annual examination will carry 70%. Evaluation of the assignments will be done at the respective study centre (if resource persons are available) of IDE, Rajiv Gandhi University. The evaluators of the assignments will give their comments on the quality and further scope for improvement of performance of the learners. Minimum pass marks is 40%. Each paper is of 100 marks and the duration of theory paper shall be 3 hours.
 - (g) Laboratory support required for the programme: Nil.
 - (h) Library resources: There is provision for the institutional Library of IDE which functions within the IDE building. Besides the institutional library, learners can also visit the Central University Library, RGU which is situated next to the IDE Building. There are also separate libraries at the study centres.
- III. Financial Involvement:**
- (a) Cost of estimate of the programme and the activities therefor: Common Annual Budget is sanctioned every year for the current financial year for expenses against all courses. The allocation is in the following heads:
 - i) Development of Course Materials
 - ii) Student Support Services (at HQ and Centres)
 - iii) Staff Training and Development
 - iv) Technology Support
 - v) Research and Development.
 - (b) Amount assigned for programme development, delivery and maintenance: As Above
 - (c) Fee structure:

Sl.no.	Particulars	M.A. Previous	M.A. Final
		Amount	



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1.	Course Fees	1500	1500
2.	Admission Fee	1000	1000
3.	Registration renewal fee	500	-
4.	Examination fee	2000	2000
5.	Mark sheet fee	200	200
6.	Self Learning materials package	3500	3500
7.	Assignment evaluation fee	1000	1000
8.	Counselling fees	1500	1500
9.	Identity card fee	100	100
10.	Continuation fee	-	500
11.	Assignment response format	300	300
12.	Centre fee	300	300
	TOTAL	11,900/-	11,900/-
13.	Back paper fees (per paper)	300	300

(IV. Quality assurance Mechanism:

a) Expected programme outcomes:

The course ensures the learners with the proficiency in critical thinking, communication, specialized knowledge. The learners will also be able to identify, analyze, interpret and describe the critical ideas, values, and themes that appear in literary and cultural texts and understand the way these ideas, values, and themes inform and impact culture and society, both now and in the past. Learners should be able to write analytically in a variety of formats, including essays, research papers, reflective writing, and critical reviews of secondary sources. Learners should be proficient in oral communication and writing.

b) Curriculum and detailed syllabi of the programme: The syllabus for the course has been approved both by the Academic Council of the Rajiv Gandhi University and Distance Education Bureau and is at par within the course offered under regular mode. The structure of the course for M.A. Previous and M.A. Final in English is given below:



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MASTER OF ARTS- ENGLISH

COURSE TITLE M.A. ENGLISH
DURATION 2 YEARS (ANNUAL SYSTEM)

FIRST YEAR

Course Title	Paper Code	Marks		
		End Term	Assignment	Total
Introductory Linguistics, Phonetics and Modern English Usage	MAE-401	80	20	100
English Drama from the Elizabethan to Modern Period	MAE-402	80	20	100
English Poetry, from the fourteenth to the twentieth century	MAE-403	80	20	100
Fiction	MAE-404	80	20	100

SECOND YEAR

Course Title	Paper Code	Marks		
		End Term	Assignment	Total
Literary Criticism and Theory: Aristotle to Derrida, A Brief Overview	MAE-501	80	20	100
Indian English Literature	MAE-502	80	20	100
American Literature	MAE-503	80	20	100
Literature and Gender	MAE-504	80	20	100

MA PREVIOUS

MAE 401
 Introductory Linguistics, Phonetics and Modern English Usage

Unit 1
 Forms of Communication and Language; Branches of Linguistics (Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics-Basic Ideas)



Unit 2

The Phonetics of English (Organs of Speech, Description of Vowels and Consonants, Consonant Clusters)

Unit 3

Phonology: Concepts of Phonemes and Allophones
Morphology (morphemes, allomorphs, affixes, inflections, derivation, compounds) 16

Unit 4

Word and Sentence Stress in English, Rhythm and Intonation of English
Basic sentence structure and its constituents; 16

Unit 5

Reading and Writing Skills.

Recommended Readings

Akmajian, Adrin et al.

Linguistics : An Introduction to Language and Communication (5th Edition), MIT Press,
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2001

Crystal, David,

Linguistics (7th ed.) London: Penguin Books, 1985
Essential reading

Balasubramanian, T.

A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian
Students, Madras Macmillan, 1981.

Leech, G. et al.

A Communicative Grammar of English (3rd ed)
London: Longman, 2002.

A. C. Gimson

An Introduction to the Pronunciation of English.
ELBS, London.

MAE-402

English Drama from the Elizabethan to the Modern Period

Christopher Marlowe
William Shakespeare
Ben Jonson
William Congreve
G. B. Shaw
Samuel Beckett
John Osborne
Harold Pinter

Doctor Faustus
Macbeth
Every Man in his Humour
The Way of the World
Man and Superman
Waiting for Godot
Look Back in Anger
The Birthday Party



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8 X 2 = 16
 10 X 2 = 20

Unit 1

Passages for explanation with reference to the context from all the starred units

* **Unit 2**

William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*
 Christopher Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus*

16

* **Unit 3**

Ben Jonson's
Every man in His Humour,
 William Congreve's *The Way of the world*

15

Unit 4

G. B. Shaw's *Man and Superman*
 S. Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*

16

Unit 5

John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*
 Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*

Books Recommended

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|------------------------------|---|
| Draper, R.P. | : <i>Shakespeare: The Comedies</i> , London: Macmillan, 2000. |
| Fisk, Deborah P (ed.) | : <i>The Cambridge Companion to English Restoration Theatre</i> , Cambridge: CUP, 1999 |
| Harp, R & Stewart, S. (eds.) | : <i>The Cambridge Companion to Ben Jonson</i> , Cambridge: CUP 2000. |
| McEachern, Clive (ed.) | : <i>The Cambridge Companion to Shakespearean Tragedy</i> , Cambridge: CUP, 2003. |
| Mangan, Michael | : <i>A Preface to Shakespeare's Comedies, 1594-1603</i> , (Pearson Education Ltd. New Delhi, 2003). |
| Sharma, R.C. | : <i>Themes and conventions in the Comedy of Manners</i> , Asia Publishing House, Delhi, 1965. |
| Bradley, A. C. | : <i>The Shakespearean Tragedy</i> |
| Sanders, Andrew | : <i>The short Oxford History of English Literature</i> |

MAE-403

Full Mark 100

English Poetry from the Fourteenth to the Twentieth Century.



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**Unit 1**

Explanations from the starred texts.

Unit 2

Geoffrey Chaucer	:	The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales
William Shakespeare	:	Sonnet No. 60, 73

Unit 3

John Donne	:	'The Good Morrow', 'The Sunne Rising'
John Milton	:	* Paradise Lost, Book I
Thomas Gray	:	Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard
Alexander Pope	:	* The Rape of the Lock

Unit 4

William Wordsworth	:	* 'Ode on the Intimations of Immortality'
S. T. Coleridge	:	'Kubla Khan'
P. B. Shelley	:	* 'Ode to the West Wind'
John Keats	:	'Ode to a Nightingale'

Unit 5

Alfred Lord Tennyson	:	* 'Ulysses'
Robert Browning	:	'The Last Ride Together'
Matthew Arnold	:	'Dover Beach'
W. B. Yeats	:	'Byzantium'
T. S. Eliot	:	* 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock'

MAP-404**Fiction****Unit 1**From the Beginning to the 20th Century**Unit 2**

Daniel Defoe	:	Moll Flanders
Jane Austen	:	Emma

Unit 3

Charles Dickens	:	Great Expectations
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Thomas Hardy	<i>The Return of the Native</i>	16
Unit A		
D H Lawrence	<i>Sons and Lovers</i>	16
Graham Greene	<i>The Power and the Glory</i>	
Unit 5		
E M Foster	<i>A Passage to India</i>	16
Alice Walker	<i>The Color Purple</i>	

Books Recommended

Casadio, Robert L.	<i>The Cambridge Companion to the Twentieth-Century English Novel</i> (Cambridge: CUP, 2009).
Verdonk, P. and J.J. Weber	<i>Twentieth-Century Fiction: From Text to Context</i> . London: Routledge, 2006.
Saintsbury, George	<i>The English Novel</i> (New Delhi: Ominus, 1998).
Skinner, John	<i>An Introduction to Eighteenth-Century Fiction</i> . Houndsdale: Palgrave, 2000.
Watt, Ian	<i>The Rise of the Novel</i> (New ed). California: University of California, 2001.
Forster, E. M.	<i>Aspects of the Novel</i> .
Lubbock, Percy	<i>The Craft of Fiction</i> .
Muir, Edwin	<i>The Structure of the Novel</i> .
Priestley, J. B.	<i>Literature and the Western Man</i> .

MA FINAL

MAE-501
Literary Criticism and Theory

Unit 1	Literary Criticism and Theory: Aristotle to Derrida, A Brief Overview	16
Unit 2	Aristotle's Poetics	16
Unit 3	John Dryden : "An Essay on Dramatic Poetry"	16



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S T Coleridge: "Biographia Literaria, Chapter IV"

Unit 4

William Wordsworth	:	Preface to Lyrical Ballads	16
T S Eliot	:	"Tradition and the Individual Talent"	

Unit 5

Structuralism, Post structuralism and Deconstruction (Barthes, Derrida)

Books Recommended

Garnett, H.	:	A History of Literary Criticism, London: Macmillan, 1991	
Cuddon, J. A.	:	The Penguin Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory, London: Penguin, 1999	
Halliday, R.	:	Literary Theory from Plato to Barthes, Hounds-Mill: Macmillan, 1999	
Berry, Peter	:	Beginning Theory, London: Routledge, 2010	
S H Butcher	:	Aristotle's Theory of Poetics and Fine Arts	
Enright, D. I. and Ernest de Chirico (Ed.)	:	English Critical Texts	
Watson, George	:	The Literary Critics	
Lodge, David	:	Modern Criticism and Theory	

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Indian English Literature

Unit I
Indian Writing in English: History and Background

Unit II

Nissim Ezekiel
 "Night of the Scorpion"
 "Goodbye Party for Miss Puspha T.S."

A K RAMANUJAM



"A River"
"Obituary"

JAYANTA MAHAPATRA

"Hunger"

"The Whorehouse In a Calcutta Street"

Unit IV

R K NARAYAN

The Guide

MULUK RAJ ANAND

Coolie

Unit V

ANITA DESAI

Voices in the City

AMITA GHOSH

The Shadow Units

Book Recommended

Naik, M. K.
Iyengar, K. R. S.
Mukherjee, Meenakshi

:A History of Indian English Literature (Sahitya Akademi)
Indian Writing in English (Sterling)
-The Twice-Born Fiction (Pencraft, New Delhi, 2001)

MAE-503 American Literature

Unit I
American Literature: History and Background 15

Unit II (POETRY)
Walt Whitman
"Song of Myself" (1-10) 16

Robert Frost
"The Road Not Taken" 16



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"Mending Wall"
 "After Apple Picking"

Unit III 16

William Carlos Williams

"The Revelation,"
 "The Widow's Lament in Springtime",
 "Negro Woman,"

Langston Hughes 16

"I, too, Sing America,"
 "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"

Claude McKay 16

"To The White Fiends"

UNIT IV (Drama) 16

Eugene O. Neill

Long Day's Journey into the Night

Tennessee Williams 16

A Street Car Named Desire

Unit V (Fiction) 16

Ernest Hemmingway

A Farewell to Arms

William Faulkner 16

The Sound and the Fury

Books Recommended		
Hacker, Louis M.	:	<i>The Shaping of American Tradition</i> . New York: Columbia University Press, 1947
Bigsby, C.W. E.	:	<i>A critical Introduction to twentieth Century American Drama</i> (2 vols.) New York : CUP, 1982.
Bogan, Louise	:	<i>Achievement in American Poetry 1900-1950</i>
Ford, Boris (ed)	:	<i>The New Pelican Guide to English Literature</i> , Vol. 9
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Unit-I



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SIMONE DE BEAUVIOR
"The Independent Woman"
TORIL MOI
"Anglo-American Feminist Criticism"

Unit-II

VIRGINIA WOOLF
"A Room of One's Own"

Unit III

VIRGINIA WOOLF
Mrs. Dalloway

Unit IV

AUCE WALKER
The Color Purple

Unit V

KAMALA DAS
"The Old Play House"

Unit VI

SAROJINI NAIDU
"The Song of Radha"
"The Pardah Noshin"

Unit VII

EMILY DICKENSON
"I Heard A Funeral In My Brain"
"When I could Not Stop for Death"

Unit VIII

SHASHI DESHPANDE
That Long Silence

Unit IX

ARUNDHATI RAY
The God of Small Things

Unit X (SHORT STORIES)
Maha誓護 Devi

"Draupadi"



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Sujata Sankranti	:	"The Warp and the Weft"
Alice Walker	:	"Everyday Use"
Githa Hariharan	:	"The Will"

Book recommended

- Butler, Judith, *Undoing Gender*, London: Routledge, 2004.
 Belsey, Catherine and Jane Moore, *The Feminist Reader: Essays in gender and Politics of Literary Criticism*. Malden: Blackwell Publishers, 1997.

- c) **Guidelines on launching the programme (s) design:** Launched in 2013-14, as per DEC and RGUJ guidelines.

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