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Question Bank

SEM: I

Course: 101

Canterbury Tales

- 1. Name four important characters in “The Prologue”.**
- 2. Why do the pilgrims go to the shrine of St. Beckett?**
- 3. Whom does Chaucer describe first in the Prologue to The Canterbury Tales?**
- 4. “If gold ruste what shall iron do?” Who uses this figure of speech in the Prologue to The Canterbury Tales and why?**
- 5. Briefly comment on the time of the year the pilgrims set out for Canterbury.**
- 6. What is so offensive about the Pardoner in Chaucer’s Prologue to The Canterbury Tales?**
- 7. Whom does Chaucer describe first in the Prologue to The Canterbury Tales and why?**

Shakespeare's Sonnets

1. How does Shakespeare convey his thoughts and feelings about close relationship in sonnet 116?
2. How is 'love' presented by Shakespeare in sonnet 116?
3. What role does time play in Shakespeare's sonnet 116?
4. How will the beauty of the poet's friend become eternal in sonnet 18?
5. What is meant by 'summer's lease' in sonnet 18?
6. Why does Shakespeare like to compare his friend to a summer's day?
7. What does 'Nature's changing course' mean in sonnet 18?
8. What is the main message in Shakespeare's sonnet 18?
9. In sonnet 130, how does Shakespeare describe the lady he loves?
10. What is the true subject matter of Shakespeare's sonnet "My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun"?
11. "I never saw a goddess go." What does the poet mean?

John Donne

1. What is the meaning of the term 'canonization'?
2. What does 'dove' and 'eagle' symbolize?
3. What does extasy mean?
4. What are the sepulchral statues?
5. What is 'Plaguy bill' referred in "The Canonization"?
6. What does Phoenix symbolize in "The Canonization"?
7. What is 'Palsy' and 'gout' referred in "The Canonization"?
8. Discuss the settings of the poem "Ecstasy" with reference to the first stanza.

Marvell

1. Give two examples of conceit from "The Garden".
2. What do the Oak, the Palm and the Bayes symbolize in the poem "The Garden"?
3. "Society is all but rude

To this delicious solitude"- clarify the meaning of the lines.

4. Who are Apollo and Daphne?
5. Who are Pan and Syrinx?

6. Who is addressed as "fair sister" and who is her dear sister?
7. Explain the conceit of the soul in The Garden.
8. What is Horatian ode?
9. Who is Oliver Cromwell?
10. Why did Marvell write the poem An Horatian Ode?
11. Who are called "Caldonian deer" and why?
12. Why is Oliver Cromwell compared with "three-forked lightning"?

Unit:3

Pope: Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot

1. What is an Epistle?

2. Who was Dr. Arbuthnot?

~~2-3.~~ Who was John and what was Pope's request to John?

~~3-4.~~ Who was Atticus in the poem "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

~~4-5.~~ Who was Sporus in the poem "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

~~5-6.~~ What was Pope's purpose behind writing "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

~~6-7.~~ What is Augustan Satire?

~~7-8.~~ Who was Bufo in the poem "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

8-9. _____ Who are the admirers of Pope as revealed by Pope in the poem "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot"?

9-10. _____ Write a note on Scriblerus Club.

Course: 102

Dr. Faustus

1. In the Prologue, who introduces the story of Doctor Faustus? To which Greek mythological character is Faustus compared in the Prologue?
2. What fields of learning does Faustus consider before he turns to magic?
3. How does Faustus sign his contract with Lucifer? What happens when Faustus tries to sign the contract?
4. What is the meaning of the words that appear on Faustus's arm in Latin?
5. Why does Mephistopheles refuse to answer the question of who made the world?
6. What is the role of an old man in Dr Faustus?
7. What is the name of the historical figure Faustus is based on?
8. What causes the tragic downfall of Doctor Faustus?
9. Why did Faustus sell his soul?
10. What happens to Faustus at the end of the play?
11. How did Faustus enjoy the 24 years?
12. What were Dr. Faustus's last words?

Unit 2:

The Tempest:

1. Why did Prospero leave the management of state affairs to Antonio?
2. How did Prospero happen to come to the Island with Miranda?
3. What was Prospero's main purpose in raising the storm?
4. Who was Ariel? How did he become Prospero's servant?
5. How did Ferdinand and Miranda meet?
6. Why does Caliban hate Prospero and Miranda?
7. Why does Prospero give up magic?
8. Comment on the setting of the "*Tempest*".
9. Who was Sycorax?
10. Who was Gonzalo?
11. What is Masque?
12. What role does Stiphano and Trinculo play in the "*Tempest*"?
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A Midsummer Night's Dream

1. Who is Puck? Give two examples of his mischievous deeds.
2. Give two features of Shakespearean Romantic Comedy.
3. What is the reason of conflict between Oberon and Titania?
4. Why does Lysandaer elope with Hermia and where?
5. "The course of true love never did run smooth". Who says this and when?
6. "And for her sake do I rear up this boy"-Who is the speaker? Why is the speaker so willing to rear up 'this' boy?
7. "Fetch me that flower". Which flower is referred to here? Why does the speaker want this flower?
8. Cite two ironies from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

She Stoops to Conquer

1. What is the sub title of *She stoops to conquer*?

2. What was the occasion of writing *She Stoops to Conquer*?
3. What is the Englishman's malady?
4. Why does Marlow say "I never nicked seven that I did not throw ames ace three times following"?
5. Give two examples of improbabilities in *She Stoops to Conquer*?
6. Name the two most amusing scenes in the play *She Stoops to Conquer*.
7. Comment on the source of the title of the play *She Stoops to Conquer*.
8. What are the reasons that Kate takes on the guise of a barmaid in *She Stoops to Conquer*?

Course: 103

Robinson Crusoe

1. How did Robinson reach the island?
2. Why was Robinson scared to see the footprints?
3. What happened during Robinson's first voyage? What does he do after his first voyage?
4. What kind of life did Robinson's father praise and why?
5. When does Robinson go on board a ship for the first time?
6. For how long had Robinson been the slave of the Turkish Rover Captain in Salee?

7. What was the real name of Crusoe?
8. Where did Robinson want to build his abode?
9. What did Robinson bring from the wrecked ship?
10. What does Robinson teach Friday?
11. Who is the God of the savages?
12. For how many times did Robinson live on the island?
13. What dreadful dream does Robinson see?
14. What is den wild zee?
15. How does Friday appear?

Tom Jones

1. Who is Molly Seagrim ? How is Tom related to her ?
2. Why does Fielding introduce the journey metaphor in the final prefatory chapter ?
3. Where is the Upton Inn situated ? What happens there ?
4. What is the significance of food metaphor in the first prefatory chapter ?
5. What is ' comic epic in prose ' ?

6. Who is Lady Bellaston ?

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Unit 2:

Great Expectations:

1. What does Pip bring to the escaped convict after going to his sister's house to find supplies?

2. Who were the real parents of Estella?

3. Who was Bentley Drummle?

1-4. Where does the opening scene of *Great Expectation* take place?

2-5. What is Pip's Great Expectation?

3-6. What was Pip's view on his unknown benefactor?

4-7. Who was Herbert Pocket?

5-8. Describe the appearance of Miss Havisham.

6-9. How does Pip feel about himself after his first meeting at Miss Havisham's?

7-10. What was Pip's great expectation?

8-11. Identify Startup.

9-12. Who is Compeyson?

~~40.~~13. How does Pip come to realize Magwitch is Estella's father?

~~41.~~14. Why did Orlick try to kill Pip?

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Tess of the D'urbervilles

1. Describe the appearance of Jack Durbeyfield in your words.
2. How old is Tess in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*?
3. Who is IzzHuett? What is the role of Izz in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*?
4. What does the subtitle "A Pure Woman Faithfully Presented" imply?
5. What information does the parson give John Durbeyfield, and how does the latter respond to it?

6. What do we learn about the Durbeyfields' home situation?
7. How many children are in the family, and where is Tess among them?
8. How does Joan Durbeyfield respond to the news that her husband's family may have had aristocratic connections?
9. What is the name of Tess's son? How his christening took place?
10. What happened at the wedding night between Tess and Angel?

Course: 104

Coleridge

1. Where the ancient mariner tells his story and to whom?
2. What does albatross symbolize in the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?
3. Who killed the albatross and with what in the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?
4. In which condition the ship was placed in the south pole in the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?
5. What is the moral lesson that the ancient mariner gives to the wedding guest?
6. What type of poem is "Kubla Khan"?

7. **What is the significance of 'crossbow' in "Rime of the Ancient Mariner".**
8. **What happens to the companions of the ancient mariner? Why the have to suffer that?**
9. **Why the ancient mariner has to suffer 'life in death' situation?**
10. **Describe the physical appearance of the ancient mariner.**

Keats

1. **Explain the word 'Lethe'.**
2. **"Nor suffer the pale forehead to be kiss'd/ By nightshade, ruby grape of Proserpine"- Explain.**
3. **"Make not your rosary of yew berries"- Explain.**
4. **Where is Melancholy's true dwelling?**
5. **Who can taste the true Melancholy?**
6. **Where and how does Keats see Psyche?**
7. **What does Keats promise to build for Psyche?**
8. **"Yes, I will be thy priest, and build a fane
In some untrodden region of my mind"- Explain.**

Unit 03:

Browning: 'Andrea Del Sarto', 'Fra Lippo Lippi'

1. What works as the primary source of Browning's poems?
2. What was Andrea's request to Lucrezia in the very beginning of the poem "Andrea del Sarto" ?
3. Mention the great painters mentioned by Andrea in the poem "Andrea del Sarto" ?
4. What do we learn about Andrea's past?
5. Who/what is responsible for Andrea's plight?
6. What had prompted him to steal from Francis?
7. Who is referred by the phrase "My serpentine beauty" in the poem "Andrea del Sarto" and why does the poet is of such opinion?
8. Who was Aunt Lapaccia in the poem "Fra Lippo Lippi"?
9. What do we learn about the character and situation of Fra Lippo Lippi from the opening scene?
10. Is Lippi comfortable in his life as a religious painter as depicted in the poem "Fra Lippo Lippi"?

11. What do we learn about Lippi's past?

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Hopkins

1. Why is the bird called daylight Dauphin in “The Windhover”?
2. What type of poem is “The Windhover”?
3. Why is the poet's heart hiding in The Windhover?
4. Comment on the word " buckle".
5. Why is Felix randal called child Felix?
6. "pining, Pining"- explain.
7. Describe the Physique of Felix Randal.
8. How is the poet related to Felix Randal?
9. " O , thou lord of life, send my roots rain. "- clarify the meaning of the line.

SEM: II

Course: 201

The Birthday Party

1. What is the function of Stanley's eye glass in "The Birthday Party"?
2. How does Stanley react at the information about the two gentlemen?
3. What happened when the light was gone during the birthday party?
4. What does the 'wheelborrow' symbolizes?
5. Describe the physical appearance of stanleywebber.
6. Significance of 'blind man's buff' game in "The Birthday Party".
7. Significance of the 'Boy's drum'.
8. Describe the opening of "The Birthday Party".
9. What happened at the end of "The Birthday Party".
10. Describe the encounter between stanley and Goldberg.

Murder in the Cathedral

1. What does first tempter say to Beckett in "Murder in the Cathedral"?
2. How does the Chorus feel about Thomas Beckett's return?
3. What is the second temptation offered to Becket?
4. "Living and partly living"-Give the meaning of the line.
5. Who was Becket?
6. Who is "the son of man" and why?
7. Why are the chorus worried about Beckett's return to England?
8. name the four tempters in the play.
9. What is the fourth temptation?
10. How does the first tempter tempt Becket?
11. what is the Interlude about in the play "Murder in the Cathedral"?
12. On which year Beckett was assassinated?
13. How is Beckett related to king Henry the second?
14. Why did Beckett quit the post of chancellorship?

A Doll's House

1. What is the wonderful thing Nora believes will happen?
2. Mention the names of Nora's Children.
3. What is tarantella?
4. Mention some of the pet names of Nora given by Torvald.
5. How was Mrs. Linde acquainted with Krogstad?
6. Why has Torvald forbidden macaroons at his home?
- 4-7. What are the names Torvald used to address Nora?
- 5-8. What reason does Mrs. Linde give for marrying a man she does not love?

6-9. What does Dr. Rank mean by "inexorable retribution" in *A Doll's House*?

7-10. What does Torvald's reaction to Dr. Rank's impending death in *A Doll's House* reveal about his character?

8-11. What is the forgery that Nora has done in "A Doll's House"?

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Justice

1. Why does Falder commit forgery?
2. "It's a matter of life and death"-What does the speaker really mean here?
3. What is meant by 'chariot wheels of justice'?
4. Write very briefly in your own words about the significance of the Trial Scene in *Justice*.
5. "No one'll touch him now! Never again! He is safe with gentle Jesus!" Explain.

Course: 202

Heart of Darkness

1. Why does Kurtz go crazy?
2. What does mist and haze signify in *Heart of Darkness*?
3. What is the meaning of the term "cruising yawl" in *Heart of Darkness*?
4. Why are the manager and his uncle upset with Kurtz?
5. Who did the natives kill on the boat and how in *Heart of Darkness*?
6. Who meets Marlow and his crew at the station when they arrive in Heart of Darkness? Give a brief description of the person.
7. Why does Marlow lie to Kurtz's Intended?
8. "cross-legged ... the palms of his hands outwards, [resembling] an idol"
what is significant in the narrator's description of Marlow sitting?
9. Trace the role of Russian Trader in 'Heart of Darkness'.
- 6-10. In *Heart of Darkness*, what do the two women knitting at the Company office in Brussels symbolize?
- 7-11. What is the significance of Kurtz's painting of the blindfolded woman in *Heart of Darkness*?
- 8-12. Why does Marlow conclude in *Heart of Darkness* that Kurtz's final words are a "moral victory"?

Sons and Lovers

1. Who is Baxter Daws? What happens in Paul and Baxter Daws' first encounter?
2. What is Oedipus complex?
3. What is the setting of "Sons and Lovers"?

4. What does 'Orange Moon' symbolize in "Sons and Lovers"?
5. What does the 'ash tree' signify in *Sons and Lovers*?
6. What are the names of the two dwelling places where colliers live in *Sons and Lovers*?
7. Where in the novel *Sons and Lovers* can you find Lawrence's antipathy to industrialism? Cite two examples.
8. Significance of 'coal mines' in "sons and Lovers".
9. Describe the relationship between Paul and Miriam in "Sons and Lovers".
10. What happened to Mrs. Morel at the end of the novel?
11. How was William died? What was the impact of William's death on Mrs. Morel.

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

1. What is Stephen's impression of Clongowes Wood College?
2. Why do Father Arnall's sermons in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* touch Stephen so deeply?
3. What is the epigraph of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*? To whom does it refer?
4. Who is the centre of consciousness in Joyce's narrative *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*.

5. What role does Emma play in Stephen's life?

6. What is Stephen's impression of Clongowes Wood College?

7. How does Stephen Dedalus's name embody both Greek and Christian mythology in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*?

5-8. What is Stephen's relationship with his fellow students at Clongowes in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*?

6-9. What is the role of the "saintly" women in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*?

7-10. In *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* what is Stephen's attitude toward the natural world, and why is it significant?

8-11. What is the significance of Stephen's confession in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*?

9-12. Who was Charles Stewart Parnell?

To the Lighthouse

- 1. What does the lighthouse symbolize in *To the Lighthouse*?**
- 2. What does Mr. Ramsay most often want from Mrs. Ramsay and why?**
- 3. What is the symbolic significance of the lighthouse?**
- 4. What does Lily Briscoe think of Mrs Ramsay?**
- 5. What is the effect of the passage of time in the novel "*To the Lighthouse*"?**
- 6. At the very beginning of the novel what does Mrs. Ramsay knit and why?**
- 7. What does Lily's painting in Virginia Woolf's "*To the Lighthouse*" represent?**
- 8. Name the three chapters of *To the Lighthouse*? How many years pass between the first and second chapter?**

Course: 203

W.H.Auden :

1. What is referred to by Auden as “a serious house on serious earth” and why?
2. Who is “she” and what did she look over for in the opening of Auden’s “The Shield of Achilles”?
3. Who are referred to as “old masters” in Auden’s “Musee des Beaux Arts”?
4. Who was Achilles according to classical mythology?
5. Name the paintings which inspired Auden to write the poem “Musse des Beaux Arts”.
6. Write a note on the setting of “The Shield of Achilles”.
7. Choose one image from the poem “Musse des Beaux Arts” and explain how it reinforces the theme of human suffering.
- ~~6~~.8. ____ Who in the poem, “Musee des Beaux-Arts” cares about human suffering?
- ~~7~~.9. ____ What is the ‘miraculous birth’ referred by Auden in “Musee des Beaux-Arts”?
- ~~8~~.10. ____ What is ‘dreadful martyrdom’ referred by Auden in “Musee des Beaux-Arts”?

9.11. ___ How does everything turn away from the disaster in Brueghel's painting?

10.12. ___ Who was Thetis?

11.13. ___ Define Ekphrastic poem.

12.14. ___ Who was Hephaestus?

W. B. Yeats

1. What do Falcon and falconer symbolize in "The Second Coming"?
2. What does the golden bird symbolize in "Sailing to Byzantium"?
3. What does Byzantium symbolize?
4. Why does the poet want to go to Byzantium?
5. What picture of humanity is shown in the first stanza of the poem "The Second Coming"?
6. Explain about the description of spiritus Mundi?
7. "A terrible beauty is born". What does the poet mean by 'terrible beauty'?
8. Who were the persons mentioned by the poet who laid down their lives in Easter 1916?
9. "He too resigned his part/ In the casual comedy." What is meant by 'casual comedy'?
10. Significance of the phrase "tattered coat upon a stick"?

Seamus Heaney

1. "I will dig with it."- Give the meaning of the line.
2. How does Heaney pen his father in "Digging"?
3. Describe the flax-dam as evident in the poem "Death of a Naturalist".

4. Why does the young country boy describe the frogs as 'great slime Kings'?
5. What is flax?
6. Who is Miss Walls?
7. Whom is referred to by the phrase "his old man" in Digging?
8. "The air was thick with a bass chorus." – Why does the narrator feel so?

Philip Larkin

1. What does the poet do on his entry into the church?
2. What is lectern?
3. Why does the poet leave the church soon?
4. What does the poet drop in the charity box?

1. What is syllable? Give Example.
2. Briefly comment on the role of lungs in the production of speech sounds.
3. What is abstract noun?
4. What is reflexive and emphatic pronoun?
5. Mention any two usage of Dictionary.
6. What is Skimming?
7. What is complex sentence and compound sentence?
8. What is principal verb and auxiliary verb?
9. Write the Definition of Noun and its classification.
10. What is imperative sentence? Give an example.
11. What are the steps of paraphrasing?
12. What is summary?
13. Define note making.
14. Why note taking is important for study?
15. Define 'Phoneme'.
16. What is the full form of IPA?
17. Define 'Stress'.
18. What is a Glottal sound?
19. A syllable almost always consists of a _____.
20. What is a Thesaurus?
21. What should be the reference to a business reply letter?
22. Arrange the following words in the way they would appear in a dictionary: Hurricane, lambardar, buttermilk, courtyard, worshipper, visitors, little, teeming, several, apparently.
23. Which of the following words are monosyllabic?

Stage, into, muscle, bring,

24. Change the voice of the following sentence:

The thief was arrested at midnight.

Or

We expect good news.

Course: 205

Shakespeare's life and Elizabethan Stage

1. In which year was Macbeth first staged?
2. Who were boy actors?
3. Write a brief note on trap door in the Globe Theatre stage.
4. What is the name of Caroline Spurgeon's book on Shakespeare's imagery?
5. When was it first published?
6. Write a brief note on The Blackfriars Theatre.
7. Who was Robert Armin?
8. Which is Shakespeare's longest play? How many words does it consist of?
9. Mention any one adaptation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.
10. How could the people in Elizabethan age know that a play was going to be staged?

Hamlet

1. What did the ghost tell Hamlet?
2. What incites Laertes against Hamlet?
3. Who is Fortinbras?
4. What did the ghost tell Hamlet?
5. Who escorts Hamlet to England? What happens to them?

Measure for Measure

1. Why did Angelo abandon his former lover Mariana in "*Measure for Measure*"?
2. Why does the Duke appoint Angelo to rule over Vienna in "*Measure for Measure*"?
3. Who is Juliet in "*Measure for Measure*"?
4. Why does Isabella leave Claudio to perish?
5. How does the Duke appear to take notice of the deputy ruler's rule in Vienna?
6. why is Claudio sentenced to death?
7. What is Angelo's condition to Isabella to have his mercy for her brother?
8. How was Angelo befooled by Isabella?
9. who is Bernadine?
10. What is the real aim of the Duke for the appointment of the deputy duke Angelo to rule over Vienna?
11. Who is Escalaus?

Shakespearean Criticism

Alexander Pope

1. When was the Pope's edition of Shakespeare published?
2. In the beginning of the essay, how does Pope praise Shakespeare?
3. In what regard does Pope place Shakespeare above Homer?
4. "To judge therefore of Shakespeare by Aristotle's rule is like trying a man by the Laws of one Country who acted under those of another." Explain.
5. What is Pope's position on Shakespeare's 'want of learning'?
6. What according to Pope is the acknowledged fact about Ben Jonson's introduction to the stage and his works?
7. What makes Pope to think that the 'quartos' were not published by Shakespeare himself?
8. By whom the 'first folio' edition was published and in which year?
9. According to Pope the First Folio edition is far worse than the Quarto's. Write two causes mentioned by Pope to prove his point.
10. Comment on Pope's comparison of Shakespeare's works with an ancient majestic piece of Gothic Architecture.

Dr. Johnson

1. "Shakespeare is above all writers, at least above all modern writers, the poet of nature." Explain.
2. Write two merits of Shakespeare mentioned by Johnson.

3. Write two demerits of Shakespeare mentioned by Johnson.
4. What type of characters does Shakespeare present in his dramas?
5. How does Shakespeare treat love in his plays?
6. What, according to Johnson, is Shakespeare's first fault?

SEM: III

Course: 301

Aristotle's Poetics

1. What are the elements of Tragedy?
2. Which type of Plot was preferable according to Aristotle?
3. How many types of Anagnorsis were pointed out by Aristotle?
4. What is Hamartia?
5. What was Aristotle's view on Tragi-comedy?
6. Define Complex plot.
7. How Aristotle established poetry superior to history?
8. What was Aristotle's views on Tragic hero?
9. What are the Three Unities mentioned by Aristotle in "Poetics"?
10. What is the place of catharsis in tragedy?

An Essay of Dramatic Poesy

1. Which genre of literature does Dryden specially focus on in *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*?
2. Name those four characters who participate in the debate in *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*. Whom does Neander speak for?
3. What definition of drama is given in *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*?
4. How does John Dryden appreciate Shakespeare?

'Preface' to the *Lyrical Ballads*

1. Give the definition of poetry which is given by Wordsworth in the "Preface to *Lyrical Ballads*".
2. Mention two features of the poet which is given by Wordsworth in "Preface to *Lyrical Ballad*".
3. What is the subject matter of poetry according to Wordsworth?

4. What should be the language of poetry according to Wordsworth?
5. Write Wordsworth's view on 'metre'.
6. Write Wordsworth's view on 'diction'.

Biographia Literaria

1. What is 'primary imagination'?
2. What is 'secondary imagination'?
3. What is 'fancy'?
4. What are the two types of imagination according to Coleridge?
5. What is Coleridge's idea of a good poet?

Course:302

Mathew Arnold's 'The Study of Poetry'

- 1. Why does Arnold say "Poetry is the criticism of life"?**
- 2. What is Arnold's viewpoint about matter and manner in poetry?**
- 3. What are the subject matter in Chaucer's poetry?**
- 4. What are the three estimates referred by Arnold in "The Study of Poetry"?**
- 5. Arnold's viewpoint about Thomas Gray.**
- 6. Why Chaucer is not considered as great classic?**
- 7. What is Arnold's viewpoint about Dryden and pope in "The study of poetry"?**

T.S Eliot: Tradition and the Individual Talent, The Metaphysical Poets

- 1. Briefly define 'tradition' after Eliot.**
- 2. What is 'unification of sensibility'?**
- 3. In which poet has Eliot discerned 'dissociation of sensibility'?**
- 4. What is Eliot's charge against Wordsworth in the essay "Tradition and Individual Talent"?**
- 5. Define "poetry" after Eliot.**
- 6. How can "tradition" be achieved?**
- 7. Define "conceit" after Dr. Johnson.**
- 8. Give an example of a conceit from Donne's poetry used as a reference in the critical essay.**
- 9. In which poets has Eliot discerned "dissociation of sensibility"?**
- 10. What is the historical sense?**

Critical Terms

- 1. Define Hegemony.**
- 2. Who are the principal theorist of Hybridity?**
- 3. Mention any two characteristics of Diaspora.**
- 4. What is Discourse?**
- 5. What was Edward Said's view on Orientalism?**
- 6. Who propagated the theory of 'Other'?**
- 7. What is the concept of Mimicry?**
- 8. Who were the Indentured Labour?**
- 9. What is settler colony?**
- 10. What is the concept of Marginality?**

Death of the Author

- 1. What do you mean by the term 'Death of the Author'?**
- 2. Who is Marcel Proust? Why is he referred to by Roland Barthes in his essay?**

3. **Who is Stephen Mallarme?**
4. **What role does a reader play in the production of meaning of a literary text?**
5. **What is Symbolism?**
6. **Who is Balzac?**
7. **Why is a text, according to Ronald Barthes ' a tissue of quotations'?**
8. **What do you mean by ' culture' ? How is it related to a literary text ?**

Course: 303

Tagore: Nationalism

1. When did Tagore write the poem “The Sunset of the Century” and with what purpose?
2. What is hyper nationalism?
3. What is Nation?
4. What is the basic difference between Indian Nationalism and Western Nationalism?
5. What was Tagore’s perception about Indian Nationalism?

Wretched of the Earth

1. Who are Lumpenproletariat?
2. Describe what manichaeism means in a colonial context.
3. What is the roll of violence in decolonization?
4. What is the roll of the ‘popular leader’ after independence?

5. Who are the national bourgeoisie?

A Passage to India

1. Why does Adela recant during the trial?
2. What is the importance of 'bridge party'?
3. What is the main reason behind Aziz deciding not to attend the bridge party?
4. What is the message of "A Passage to India"?
5. What is Cyril Fielding's relationship with Indians at the beginning of the novel?
6. Why Adela breaks off her engagement to Ronny Heaslop?
7. What do you think happens in the Marabar caves?
8. What do caves suggest symbolically?

A.D. Hope & Derek Walcott

- 1. Why are the Australians a “secondhand Europeans”?**
- 2. Who are the ‘cultured apes’ in A.D.Hope’s views?**
- 3. How does Hope describe the Australian people?**
- 4. What does the phrase ‘the far cry’ signify?**
- 5. Who are Kikuyus?**
- 6. Describe the historical backdrop of the poem “A far Cry from Africa”.**
- 7. What is poet’s dilemma in the poem “A far Cry from Africa”?**

Course: 304

Introduction to basic concepts of critical theory and cultural studies:

1. What is Modernism?
2. Define Post colonialism.
3. What is Transcreation?
4. What is imperialism?
5. Who are the subalterns?
6. What are the popular mediums used to hegemonize mass?

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Karukku

1. What is the real name of Bama? Who translated *Karukku* in English?
2. What does the title *Karukku* mean?
3. Why did Bama leave the church?
4. What do you know of Bama?
5. Which community does Bama belong to?
6. Who is Kamman?

Joothan

- 1. Briefly describe the dwelling of Chuhras?**
- 2. What is the name of the new headmaster in *Joothan* and how did he treat the Omprakash in school?**
- 3. What is Joothan?**
- 4. What did the headmaster ask Omprakash Valmiki to do?**
- 5. How did the fellows in school use to call Valmiki?**

Survival & Other Stories

1. What is the actual title of 'The other JEW'? Who translated it into English?
2. What is the historical context of "The other Jew"?
3. How does the author reflect the exploitation of the life of migrants from Bangladesh?
4. What happened with Jhunu's life?
5. What happened at the end of 'The other jew'?
6. How do the migrants spend their lives after evacuated from Bangladesh?

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Judith Wright (Selections)

1. What is Bora Ring?
2. Why the spear is 'splintered underground'?
3. Elaborate the myth of Cain as used by Wright in "Bora Ring"?
4. What is meant by 'apocalyptic dream' in Judith Wright's "Bullocky"?
5. Explain the allusion of 'prophet Muses' in Judith Wright's "Bullocky"?

Surfacing

1. What does David demand that Anna wear at all the times in the novel *Surfacing*?
2. What is 'Random Samples' in the novel *Surfacing*?
3. Why does the narrator of the novel *Surfacing* make a journey?
4. What happens at the end of the novel *Surfacing*?
5. Comment on the symbolic overtone of 'surfacing' of the unnamed narrator?
6. Mention two images from Atwood's "Surfacing".
- 7.

A House for Mr. Biswas

- 1. Mention the name of Mr. Biswas's offspring.**
- 2. Who is Blakie?**
- 3. Who is Sushila?**
- 4. How did Mr. Biswas start his career as a journalist?**
- 5. How Mr. Biswas's father died?**
- 6.**

Derek Walcott (Selections)

- 1. Who are the emperors without crown according to Walcott?**
- 2. What does the phrase 'the far cry' signify?**
- 3. Who are Kikuyus?**

4. Describe the historical backdrop of the poem “A far Cry from Africa”.

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Course: 401

The Old Man and the Sea

1. How does Hemingway portray Santiago’s Christ like figure?
2. What does the lion symbolize in *The Old man and the Sea*?
3. What significance do the lions on the beach have for the old man?
4. Discuss Santiago’s relationship with Manolin.
5. What does ‘84 days’ symbolize in “The old Man and the Sea”?
6. What is the significance of Baseball?
7. Who is Di Maggio? What is the importance of his reference in “The Old Man and the Sea”?

The Death of a Salesman

1. Why did Biff go to Boston? What happened to him there?
2. Why does Willy believe his sons will be more successful than Bernard?
3. What is the reason of father-son conflict between Willy and Biff in *Death of a Salesman*?
4. Why did Biff burn his favourite football shoes in *Death of a Salesman*?
5. What does women's stockings signify in *Death of a Salesman*?

Robert Frost

1. What does the empty barrel signify in "After Apple Picking"?
2. Why is the poet feeling sorry in "The Road not Taken"?
3. What is the significance of 'ladder' in the poem *After Apple-Picking*?
4. What does "Yellow wood" stand for in *The Road Not Taken*?
5. Why is the narrator altered by the "scent of apples" in "After Apple Picking"?
6. What does the reference to the absent woodchuck suggest in "After Apple Picking"?
7. What problem does the poet face? Where is he standing?
8. Why is the poet feeling sorry in "The Road not Taken"?

Sylvia Plath

1. Why does the poet call his father Panzer man in "Daddy"?
2. Why does Plath compare her father to a Nazi?
3. Explain the holocaust imagery used by Sylvia Plath in "Daddy".
4. Describe the symbol of skin used by Sylvia Plath in "Lady Lazarus".
5. Comment on the setting of "Lady Lazarus".

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Home and the World

1. What title does Sandip give to Bimala in *The Home and the World*?
What does it imply?
2. Who is Amulya in *The Home and The World*?
3. Which political movement is referred to in the novel *The Home and the World*?
4. Who is Chandranath Babu?
5. What does Bimala steal and why?
6. Comment on the slogan of ' Van de Mataram ' in Tagore 's *The Home and the world*'.
7. Who is Miss Gilby ?
8. Who is Harish Kundu ?

Coolie

1. Why did Munoo leave out BabuNathoo Ram's house?
2. Who was Prabha Dyal in Anand's *Coolie*?
3. Who is Mainwaring in *Coolie*?
4. Where did Munoo get his first job?
5. Give a brief note on Munoo's tragic death.

The Guide

1. Who is Marco?
2. Why was Raju imprisoned?
3. Where was Raju sent for education in *The Guide*?
4. Where is the Village Mangala situated?
5. Before joining Raju on the steps of the temple, what does Velan do?
6. What does the barbar deduce about Raju?
7. Who is Rosie?
8. What is Hut-shop?
9. What is Velan's problem as referred to Raju?
10. Who is Velan?

Samskara

1. Explain the title of *Samskara*.
2. Describe about Naranappa's anti brahminical activities in *Samskara*.

3. What is the dilemma that arises after Naranappa's death in the beginning of *Samskara*?
4. Who is Chandri in *Samskara*?
5. Finally what happens to Naranappa's dead body?
6. Significance of the sexual intercourse between Praneshachrya and Chandri.
7. Why did Praneshacharya marry to an invalid woman?
8. Describe the roll of Putta in Praneshacharya's spiritual journey.

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Nissim Ezekiel & Kamala Das

1. Who was the only company for the poetess in the dark room in the poem “*The Sunshine Cat*”.
2. "Don't write in English"-who orders and to whom?
3. How many languages did the poetess know to speak and write?
4. How does Kamala Das describe her own language?
5. What did the catigoriser advise the poetess?
6. What type of poem is Kamala Das' "*An Introduction*"?

R.Parthasarathi& Jayanta Mahapatra

1. What was R.Parthasarathy's view about language in "Exile".
2. Mention any two of the poetical collections of Jayanta Mahapatra.
3. Why are the eyes of widow women compared to the eyes of fishes caught in the net in Jayanta Mahapatra's "Dawn at Puri"?
4. "coloured is what they call us". Explain.
5. What was R. Parthasarathy's view about language in "Exile"?
6. Where does the speaker meet the fisherman at the beginning of the poem "Hunger"?
7. Why the fisherman's daughter is compared to rubber in the poem "Hunger"?
8. What has compelled the fisherman to make his daughter sell her body?
9. Who were waiting to enter the Great Temple in the poem "Dawn at Puri"?
10. "Their austere eyes"- whose eyes are referred here in the poem "Dawn at Puri" and why their eyes are so?

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A.K. Ramanujan & Arun Kolatkar

1. What does the old woman stand for in Arun Kolatkar's "An Old Woman"?

2. Give two examples of images used by A.K Ramanujan in “ An Obituary”.
3. What is obituary?
4. “ she won’t let you go ”.—Who is referred to as ‘She’ ? What does she want from the narrator ?

Hayavadana

1. How did Hayavadana turn into a creature of horse head and human body?
2. What is the source of Girish Karnad's play *Hayavadana*?
3. How does Kapila explain about the fortunate lady's flower in *Hayavadana*?
4. Why did Hayavadana turn into a complete horse instead of man?
5. Why Karnad invoke Lord Ganesha before the start of the play?
6. What happened to Padmini, Devdutta and Kapila at the end of the play?
7. What problem arises after Devdutta and Kapila returned to their life by the grace of Goddess Kali?

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The Shadow Lines

1. Who was Khalil?

2. **“Everyone lives in a story”- Explain.**
3. **In which subject Tridib was pursuing Ph.D. and what was his topic?**
4. **“She was fascinated, long before the incident ...” - Who was Fascinated and about what?**
5. **Who was Magda in “The Shadow Lines”?**
6. **“She doesn’t belong there”. Explain.**
7. **Who was Mrinmoyee?**
8. **Why was May collecting money in the streets of London?**
9. **What is thala-gaya?**
10. **Why does Thammaadvise Narrator to keep distance from Tridib?**

Midnight’s Children

1. **What is Adam's most prominent feature in “Midnight’s Children”?**
2. **When was Saleem Sinai born? In which nursing home was he born?**
3. **When does the story of the novel *Midnight’s Children* begin and when does it end?**
4. **What was Mian Abdullah’s popular name? Why was Mian Abdullah killed?**
5. **Who is Saleem's biological father?**
6. **What is Ahmed addicted to in *Midnight Children*?**
7. **How many Midnight's children are there?**
8. **What is Shiva's special gift in *Midnight Children*?**

Untitled

1. **Who gives Ashoke the hardbound book of short stories by Nikolai Gogol?**
2. **Why does Ashima feel alienated in the hospital before giving birth to Gogol?**

Imaginary Homelands

1. How does the partial nature of memories or fragmented memories serve the diasporas?
2. What the diasporas are always haunted from?