

APPRECIATING POETRY

COURSE CODE	ENG2B02
TITLE OF THE COURSE	APPRECIATING POETRY
SEMESTER IN WHICH THE COURSE IS TO BE TAUGHT	2
NO. OF CREDITS	5
NO. OF CONTACT HOURS	108 (6 hrs per week)

AIM OF THE COURSE: The course is a wide spectrum of poems across the globe. The course aims at the transaction of the suggested texts so that the learners understand the trends in poetry of the past and the present. It also aims to foster the ability in students for appreciating poetry as an art form.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

- a. To introduce the students to the basic elements of poetry, including the stylistic and rhetorical devices employed in poetry, and to various genres of poetry.
- b. To facilitate students to attain various perspective in reading poetry like gender, race, caste, ethnicity, religion, region, environment and nation.
- c. To familiarize the learners with different forms of poetry written in British and American literature.
- d. To create an awareness among the learners about different forms and themes of poetry produced across the globe in the history of literature.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A. COURSE SUMMARY

Module 1: 16 hrs

Module 2: 40 hrs

Module 3: 30 hrs

Module 4: 10 hrs

Evaluation: 12 hours

Total 108 hours

B. COURSE DETAILS:

Module 1: Poetry- Some Key Concepts

Basic Elements of Poetry: Prosody: Rhythm, Meter – Rhyme - hard rhyme, soft rhyme, internal rhyme - Alliteration, Assonance – Diction.

Figures of Speech: Metaphor, Simile, Personification, Oxymoron, Metonymy, Synecdoche, Transferred Epithet.

Poetic Forms: Lyric, Ode, Sonnet, Haiku, Ballad, Couplet, Villanelle, Dramatic Monologue, Elegy, Satire, Mock Epic, Free Verse, Tanka, Jintishi, Ghazal, Rubai, Prose poetry, Narrative poetry, Performance Poetry.

Module 2: Poetic Forms

1. Sonnet: William Shakespeare: Shall I Compare thee to a Summer's Day (Sonnet XVIII), John Milton: On His Blindness
2. Ballad: John Keats: La Belle Dame sans Merci
3. Ode: P B Shelley: Ode to a Skylark
4. Elegy: W H Auden: In Memory of W. B. Yeats
5. Villanelle: Dylan Thomas: Do not go Gentle into that Good Night
6. (Dramatic) Monologue: Robert Browning: My Last Duchess
7. Metaphysical: John Donne: A Valediction Forbidding Mourning
8. Heroic Couplet: Alexander Pope: Extract from Essay on Man (Epistle I, Section II), "Presumptuous man! The reason wouldst thou find..."
9. Free Verse: Stanley Kunitz: The Layers
10. Song: Leonard Cohen: I'm your Man

Module 3: World Poetry

1. Childhood: Rainer Maria Rilke: Childhood
2. Love and Loss: Pablo Neruda: Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines
3. Protest: Nazim Hikmet: Some Advice to those who will Serve Time in Prison
4. Family: Langston Hughes: Mother to Son
5. Survival: Namdeo Dhasal: Stoneman, My Father & Me
6. Alienation: Diane Glancy: Without Title

7. War: Yehuda Amichai: Anniversaries of War
8. Environment: Joao Cabral de Melo Neto: Landscape of the Capibaribe River
9. Commitment and Passion: Charles Baudelaire: Be Drunk
10. Cultural Difference: Bassey Ikpi: Homeward

Module 4: Appreciation of Poetry

Students can be briefed about how to analyze a poem. A few poems other than those given for the detailed study can be given to the students for practical analysis.

**NB: The learners are asked only short essay/s (paragraph/s) questions for appreciation (based on unseen poems) in the end semester examinations.*

READING LIST:

CORE TEXT: A text containing the above lessons will be made available

FURTHER READING:

A Concise Companion to Literary Forms. Emerald, 2013.

Bernard Blackstone. *Practical English Prosody: A Handbook for Students*. Longman, 2009.

C.T. Thomas Ed. *Chaucer to Housman Vol I*. New Delhi: B.I. Publications 1990.

Katherine Washburn and John S. Major Ed. *World Poetry: An anthology of Verse from Antiquity to Our Time*. New York: W. W. Norton, 1998.

Margaret Ferguson, Mary Jo Salter and Jon Stallworthy. *The Norton Anthology of Poetry*. 5th Ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 2005.

Neil Corcoran. *English Poetry since 1940*. London: Longman, 1993.

Neil Roberts. *A Companion to Twentieth Century Poetry*. Malden, Blackwell, 2003.

Philip Hobsbaum. *Metre, Rhythm and Verse Form*. London: Routledge, 2006 .

Rajiv Patke, *Postcolonial Poetry in English*. Oxford: OUP, 2006.

R. P. Draper. *An Introduction to Twentieth Century Poetry in English*. Basingstoke, Palgrave, 1999.

Tom Furniss and Michael Bath. *Reading Poetry- An Introduction*. London: Prentice Hall, 1996. A