

# Government Degree College Baramulla

**SEMESTER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE**

**Subject: English**

**Title: An Introductory Course In English Literature**

**Code: BEL22M103**

CREDIT: 03 (Three)

CONTACT HOURS: 48

## **Course Objectives:**

- *To familiarise students with the core genres of English literature*
- *To introduce the essential components of poetry, drama and fiction*
- *To enable students to understand different literary techniques.*
- *To guide students regarding the textual analysis of some introductory literary texts.*
- *To sensitise students to the aesthetic, cultural & social aspects of literature.*

## **Learning outcomes:**

On completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- *Outline and explain the different features of a literary text.*
- *Differentiate between various literary genres like prose, poetry and drama.*
- *Write a critical analysis of the given poem, drama and short story.*
- *Identify, compare and relate literary texts in a socio-cultural context.*

## **UNIT-I: Poetry**

A very brief introduction to the elements of Poetry: definition; poetic devices: simile, metaphor, personification, allusion, imagery, oxymoron.

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| 1. Willam Shakespeare | Sonnet 18             |
| 2. William Wordsworth | Nutting               |
| 3. Sylvia Plath       | Daddy                 |
| 4. Agha Shahid Ali    | Postcard from Kashmir |

## **Unit-II: Drama**

A very brief introduction to the elements of drama (Plot, Character, Setting, Dialogue, Stage)

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| 1. J M Synge | Riders to the Sea |
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## **UNIT-III: Short Stories.**

A very brief introduction to the elements of Fiction: setting, characterisation, narrative (point of view)

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| 1. Leo Tolstoy, | How much Land does a Man Need? |
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2. O Henry,                      The Gift of the Magi
3. *SH Mantoo*                Toba Tek singh

### Suggested Readings

1. *An Introduction to the Study of Literature* by William Henry Hudson, Rupa Publications, 2015.
2. *A Background to the Study of English Literature* by B Prasad, Trinity Press Publication, 2016.
3. *Studying Literature: An Introduction to Fiction and Poetry*, Pramod K Nayar Orient Blackswan, 2012.
4. *A Glossary of Literary Terms* by M H Abrams & G G Harpman Cengage Learning India Pvt Ltd. 2015.