

SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SYLLABUS FOR PhD ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
SUBJECT: ENGLISH

1. Language: Basic concepts and Theories

- a) Basics of ELT & Linguistics
- b) Phonology and Morphology
- c) Important Terms in Linguistics
- d) Evolution of English Language: Old, Middle and Modern Age

2. English Literature from Classical age to 21st Century

- a) Chaucer to Shakespeare
- b) Jacobean to Restoration Periods
- c) Augustan Age: 18th Century Literature
- d) Romantic Period
- e) Victorian Period and Pre – Raphaelites
- f) Modern Period
- g) Contemporary Period

3. Non-British English Literature

- a) English in India: 18th Century to the Present
- b) American, African and other Non-British English Literature
- c) Literature from the Commonwealth of Nations

4. Literary Theory and Criticism up to the 21st Century

- a) Classical and medieval literary theory & criticism
- b) Renaissance literary theories & Enlightenment criticism
- c) 19th-century Romantic literary theory & criticism
- d) Formalism and New Criticism
- e) Structuralism and Poststructuralism
- f) New Historicism and Cultural Materialism
- g) Ethnic Studies and Postcolonial Criticism
- h) Gender Studies and Queer Theory

5. Rhetoric and Prosody of English Literature

- a) Figures of Speech
- b) Scansion

6. Selected texts of English Literature on poetry, prose, fiction and drama:

(The selected texts will be chosen from the prescribed Syllabus for MA English Course of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, SMU)