

AEC-120: ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Contact Hours: 45, Credit-3)

Course Objectives

1. To provide opportunities to students to acquire deeper insights into the English language and literature and enhance and reinforce creativity, understanding, and critical appreciation of the subject.
2. To introduce students to various artistic expressions in order to give them exposure to diverse literary and cultural experiences.
3. To inculcate in students the ability to communicate ideas, opinions and values and to expand their knowledge of the subject as it moves from the classroom to life and life-worlds.

Learning Outcomes

The students will gain awareness of the various artistic expressions emerging out of diverse literary and cultural experiences. This will give them deeper insights into the English language and literature, thus enhancing their creativity, understanding, and critical appreciation of the subject. The students will also gain the ability to communicate ideals opinions and values and apply the knowledge of the subject to real-life situations.

UNIT I : Poetry

1. Matthew Arnold: "To Marguerite: Continued"
2. Nicolas Guillen: "Fusil"
3. W. H. Auden: "Who's Who"
4. Nissim Ezekiel: "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS"
5. Maya Angelou: "Still I Rise"

UNIT II: Prose Pieces, Short Fiction, Grammar and Composition

1. Jawaharlal Nehru: "Animals in Prison"
2. Ruskin Bond: "Life at My Own Pace"
3. O. Henry: "The Last Leaf"
4. Grammar and Composition:
 - a. Preposition
 - b. Articles
 - c. Idioms and Phrases
 - d. Change of Voice
 - e. Usage
 - f. Correction of Errors

- g. Reading and Comprehension
- h. Narration

UNIT III: One-act Plays

1. A. A. Milne: *The Ugly Duckling*
2. J. M. Synge: *Riders to the Sea*

Suggested Reading

- Corns, T. N., ed. *The Cambridge Companion to English Poetry*. Cambridge University Press, 1973.
- Dolley, Colin and Rex Walford. *The One-Act Play Companion: A Guide to Plays, Playwrights and Performance*. Methuen Drama, 2011.
- Eastwood, John. *Oxford Practice Grammar*, Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Gates, Henry Louis, ed. *The Norton Anthology of African American Literature*. W. W. Norton & Company. Inc., 2014.
- Gilbert, Sandra M. and Adrienne Rich. *Essential Essays Culture, Politics, and the Art of Poetry*. W. W. Norton & Company. Inc., 2018.
- Hashemi, Louise & Raymond Murphy. *Essential Grammar in Use*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- Kumar, Akshaya. *Poetry, Politics and Culture: Essays on Indian Texts and Contexts*. Routledge, 2009.
- March-Russell, Paul. *The Short Story: An Introduction*. Edinburgh University Press, 2009.
- McClatchy, J. D., ed. *The Vintage Book of Contemporary World Poetry*. Vintage, 1996.
- Peck, John and Martin Coyle. *The Student's Guide to Writing: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling*. Macmillan Education UK, 1999.
- Sinha, M. P., et al., ed. *Ruskin Bond: A Critical Evaluation*. Atlantic Publishers and Distributors. 2012.
- Scofield, Martin. *The Cambridge Introduction to the American Short Story*. Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- Spiegelman, Willard. *How Poets See the World: The Art of Description in Contemporary Poetry*. Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Swan, Michael. *Basic English Usage*, OUP, 2000.
- Washburn, Katharine, Clifton Fadiman and John S Major. *World Poetry: An Anthology of Verse from Antiquity to Our Time*. Book-of-the-Month Club, W. W. Norton, 1998.