Introduction to Literary Forms and Periods (DSC 1) (BEL C-101)

Course Outcomes

- Understanding the basic terminology and elements of various genres of literature such as poetry, drama, novel and short story.
- Analysing the underlying meaning of a given work of literature by using various literary elements.
- Identifying the various literary movements and periods.
- Identifying the distinctive features of each literary movement and period.

Forms

Reading a Novel- Definition and Types, Picaresque, Historical Novel, Gothic Novel, Epistolary Novel, Regional Novel, Domestic Novel, Detective Novel, Science Fiction,Metafiction, Utopia/Dystopia, Mythological Fiction, Campus Fiction, Popular Fiction Elements of Drama- Plot, Settings, Characterisation, Themes, Narrative Technique

Poetry- Forms of Poetry- Definition and Main Features, Sonnet, Elegy, Ode, Epic, Ballad,Lyric, Allegory, Stanza Forms, Heroic Couplet, Blank Verse, Poetic Devices- Structure, Tone, Theme, Rhythm, Rhyme Scheme, Meter, Figures of Speech

Drama- Definition and Types, Tragedy, Comedy, Tragi-Comedy, Expressionist Drama, PoeticDrama, Closet Drama, Problem Play, Theatre of Absurd,

Elements of Drama- Authorial Inclusion, Cacophony, Circumlocution, Conflict, Epilogue, Epitaph, Euphemism, Euphony, Malapropism, Unity of Time, Place and Action, Setting, StageDirection, Theme

Short Story- Elements of Story- Plot, Characterisation, Narrative Technique, Themes

Periods

Renaissance and Reformation

Neoclassical Period

Romanticism

Victorian Period

Modernism and Postmodernism

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