

**RABINDRANATH TAGORE UNIVERSITY**

**Coursework for Ph. D in English**

**(w. e. f. 2023-24)**

**PREAMBLE**

As per the Ph. D Rules, the candidates selected for admission to the Ph. D Programme in English will have to complete the coursework for a period of one semester. The coursework will carry 16 credits as follows:

**Coursework**

<b>1. Paper 1: Research Methodology</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>2. Paper 2: Subject Specific Course (Elective: Any One Component)</b>	
<b>A) Linguistics and Pragmatics</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>B) Critical Approaches and Current Trends in English Studies</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>C) Indian Writing in English</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>D) English Language Teaching</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>Paper 3: Topic Related Seminars, Field Work, etc.</b>	<b>04 Credits</b>
<b>4. Paper 4: Computer Application</b>	<b>02 Credits</b>
<b>5. Paper 5: Research and Publication Ethics</b>	<b>02 Credits</b>

**SYLLABUS**

**Paper 1: Research Methodology**

**Objectives**

1. To equip the students with the tools and techniques of research
2. To acquaint them with the research process
3. To prepare them for undertaking research
4. To train them in presenting their research

## **UNIT A**

Meaning and objectives of Research

Defining the Research Problem

Ethics in Research

Research Design

Choosing an area and topic of research and preparing the research plan

## **UNIT B**

Accessing Library resources and preparing

Survey techniques / Field work and Data Collection

Processing and analyzing Data

Quantitative Methods

## **UNIT C**

The process of research (selecting a project, the survey of relevant literature, defining aims and objectives, designing hypothesis; scope and limitations; preparing a research proposal, planning, etc)

Presentation of Research (title, aims and objectives, format of the thesis, introductions and conclusions, footnotes and endnotes, avoiding plagiarism, quoting and creating in-text citations, presenting research findings, using standard style sheets)

Seminar Presentation

## ***Books / References***

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2. Nunan, D. *Research Methodology in Language Learning*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
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4. Swales, J.M. and Feak, C. *Academic Writing for Graduate Students: Essential Issues and Skills*. University of Michigan Press, 1994.

## **Paper 2 (A): Linguistics and Pragmatics**

### ***Objectives***

- To have a fundamental understanding of the basic nature, branches and history of linguistic inquiry.
- To understand and use methods of logical analysis in analyzing the data from a wide variety of languages and dialects.
- To distinguish, evaluate and interpret the methodologies and their results in the context of the overall aim of understanding the nature of language.
- To provide a broad interdisciplinary perspective on work in language to emphasize the connectedness and relevance of work to other fields

1) Syntax

2) Morphology

3) Semantics

4) Psycholinguistics

5) Sociolinguistics

6) Pragmatics

- a) Speech Act
- b) Cooperative Principle
- c) Politeness Principle
- d) Turn-taking
- e) Adjacency Pair

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## **Paper 2 (B): Critical Approaches and Current Trends in English Studies**

### ***Objectives***

- To Identify, understand and apply different questions and concepts to the interpretation of texts, and to the creation of meaning.
- To Demonstrate an understanding of the way literature is understood and consumed, through the critique of texts from a range of perspectives.
- To Compare, contrast and critique different points of view, to generate new ideas in spoken and written contexts.
- To Interpret, synthesise and critically analyse published scholarship in English literary studies.
- Acquaint researchers with recent trends in literary and linguistic studies

### **Unit I: Introduction to Classical Theory**

- a) Aristotle

- b) Plato
- c) Longinus.

## **Unit II: Critical Approaches to Literature**

Post-structuralism

Post-Colonialism

Diaspora and Neo Diaspora Studies

Feminisms and Post-Feminism

Post-humanism,

Queer Theory

Eco- criticism

Ecofeminism

Chaos Theory

Cultural Studies

Disability Studies,

## **Unit III: Current Trends in English Studies**

Gender and Sexuality Studies

Dalit Studies

Translation Studies

New Directions in Comparative Studies

Narratological and Stylistic Studies

Migration Studies

Native Studies

Film and Cyber Literature Studies

## ***Books and References***

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2. Anderson, Talmadge, and James Benjamin Stewart. *Introduction to African American studies: Transdisciplinary Approaches and Implications*. Black Classic Press, 2007.
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Cambridge University Press, 1998

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## **Paper 2 (C) : Indian Writing in English**

### **Objectives:**

- To introduce learners to the various phases of evolution in Indian Writing in English
- To acquaint learners to the varied dimensions of this literature.
- To understand the audience and purpose in written communication
- To analyze and interpret rhetorical elements on a text

### **UNIT : 1 History of Indian English Literature**

#### **UNIT : 2 Poetry**

1. Kamala Das: “Introduction”
2. Nissim Ezekiel – The Patriot

#### **UNIT : 3 Drama**

- Girish Karnad – Tughlaq  
Mahesh Dattani – Dance like a Man

#### **UNIT : 4 Fiction**

- Raja Rao – Kanthapura  
The Gypsy Goddess - Meena Kandasamy

#### **UNIT : 5 Short Fiction**

- Khushwant Singh: “The Mark of Vishnu”  
A Real Durwan - Jhumpa Lahiri

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20. Chakraborty, K. *Indian Drama in English*. Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt, Ltd. 2014

## **Paper 2 (D) : English Language Teaching (Optional)**

### **Unit I: Major Trends in English Language Teaching**

- a) Approaches in English Language Teaching
- b) Methods of Teaching English
- c) Techniques of Teaching English

### **Unit II: English Language Teaching in India**

- a) History of English Language Teaching in India
- b) English as Second Language (ESL)
- c) English for Specific Purpose
- d) The Problems of Teaching English

### **Unit III: Testing & Evaluation**

- a) Types of Tests
- b) Tools of Evaluation
- c) Remedial Teaching

### **Unit IV: Structure of English**

- a) Phonetics & Phonology of English
- b) Syntax of English
- c) Semantics of English

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2. Celce-Murcia, M. M. (ed.) *Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language*. Rowley, MA: Newbury House, 1991
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### **Paper 3: Topic Related Seminars, Field Work, etc**

#### **Objectives**

1. To enable the candidates to undertake focused background reading
2. To enable them to use various tools and materials for research
3. To enable them to make effective presentations

#### **Contents**

This paper will be conducted in the form of seminars, field work, etc.

### **Paper 4: Computer Application**

#### **Objectives**

- To impart knowledge about the structure, components and functions of a computer system.
- To understand working of basic input and output devices.
- To give detailed knowledge of MS-Office.
- To give an in-depth understanding of role of computers in business, education and society.

#### **Unit 1**

Basic knowledge of application software's in MS- Office with focus on MS-Word- its features and applications related to presentation of text in decent format and saving the same for further use. The practical knowledge of this software should enable the candidate to type and prepare the thesis in a presentable format.

#### **Unit 2**

MS-Excel- construction of worksheet and inserting data according to its characteristics, use of statistical tools and their presentation in the form of charts and graphs.

#### **Unit 3**

MS- Power point – create power point presentation on a topic related to the theme of thesis and use of different presentation techniques.

#### **Unit 4**

Use of Internet for research work and exploring various websites and search engines for collecting quality literature review and secondary data etc. related to thesis work.

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**Paper 5: Research and Publication Ethics**