

# Department of English

## Semester-IV

BA (Hons.) English

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE 10 - (DSC-10) – : AMERICAN LITERATURE**

No. of hours- 60(Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials -15 hrs.)

### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 10: American Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

### Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of the literature of the United States with specific reference to the way it chronicles patterns of oppression and freedom in the lives of its peoples.
- To open up a range of possibilities in the way in which literature shapes and chronicles new frontiers and cultural groups.

### Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to trace the powerful role played by literature in shaping the emergent United States.
- Students will be enlightened on how literature chronicles and shapes both different kinds of enslavement and possibilities of liberation.

## SYLLABUS OF DSC- 10

### UNIT – I (15 hours)

1. Toni Morrison: *Beloved*

### UNIT – II (15 hours)

2. Kate Chopin: *The Awakening*
3. Herman Melville: 'Bartleby the scrivener'

### UNIT – III (15 hours)

4. Walt Whitman: (i) 'O Captain, My Captain' (ii) 'Passage to India' (lines 1–68)
5. Alexie Sherman Alexie: (i) 'Crow Testament' (ii) 'Evolution'

### Practical component (if any) - NIL

**Essential/recommended readings-** as listed in the units

### Suggestive readings:

1. Emerson, Ralph Waldo. 'Self-Reliance', *The Selected Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson*. ed. Brooks Atkinson, New York: The Modern library, 1964.
2. Martin Luther King Jr, 'I have a dream', *African American Literature*. ed. Kieth Gilyard, Anissa Wardi, New York: Penguin, 2014. pp 1007-1011
3. Douglass, Frederick. Chaps. 1–7, *A Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1982. pp 47–87
4. Rich, Adrienne. 'When We Dead Awaken: Writing as Re-Vision', *College English*. Vol. 34, No. 1, Women, Writing and Teaching (Oct., 1972), pp. 18-30
5. Crevecoeur, Hector St John. Letter III: 'What is an American', *Letters from an American Farmer*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1982. pp 66–105

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE 11- (DSC-11) : Indian Writing in English

No. of hours- 60(Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 11: Indian Writing in English	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

### Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of the distinctively Indian qualities of literature in English, across a range of genres.
- To open up a sense of the Indian response to literary and political challenges in modern times.

### Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to gain a basic sense of Indian writing in English as a viable means to understand the evolution of modern India.
- Students' imagination will be stimulated by an understanding of how Indian writing in English opens up the challenges and complexities of contemporary India.

## SYLLABUS OF DSC- 11

### UNIT – I (15 hours)

1. Anita Desai: *The Clear Light of the Day*

### UNIT – II (15 hours)

2. H.L.V. Derozio: (i) 'Freedom to the Slave' (ii) 'The Orphan Girl'
3. Kamala Das: (i) 'Introduction' (ii) 'My Grandmother's House'
4. Sarojini Naidu: (i) 'An Indian Love Song', (ii) 'In Salutation to the Eternal Peace'
5. Robin S. Ngangom: (i) 'The Strange Affair of Robin S. Ngangom' (ii) 'A Poem for Mother'

### UNIT – III (15 hours)

6. Salman Rushdie: 'The Free Radio'
7. Shashi Deshpande: 'The Intrusion'
8. Padmanabhan, Manjula. 'Stains', *Hot Death, Cold Soup: Twelve Short Stories*. New Delhi: Kali for Women/Zubaan, 1996.

### Practical component (if any) - NIL

**Essential/recommended readings-** as listed in the units

### Suggestive readings:

1. Rao, Raja. 'Foreword', *Kanthapura*. New Delhi: OUP, 1989. pp v–vi
2. Rushdie, Salman. 'Commonwealth Literature does not exist', *Imaginary Homelands*. London: Granta Books, 1991. pp 61–70
3. Mukherjee, Meenakshi. 'Divided by a Common Language', *The Perishable Empire*. New Delhi: OUP, 2000. pp 187–203
4. King, Bruce. 'Introduction', *Modern Indian Poetry in English*. New Delhi: OUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn., 2005. pp 1–10

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -12 (DSC-12) : Indian Writing in English Translation**

No. of hours- 60(Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials -15 hrs.)

**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 12: Indian Writing in English Translation	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

**Learning Objectives**

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand and celebrate the diversity of linguistic and regional influences on the shaping of modern India.
- To open up a sense of the sophistication and fluidity of Indian thought and literature even when it speaks through the medium of translation.

**Learning outcomes**

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will gain knowledge of the richness of modern Indian writing.
- Students will be encouraged to understand how contemporary India owes its diversity to a range of literatures, cultures and regions.

## SYLLABUS OF DSC-12

### UNIT – I (15 hours)

1. Premchand 'The Shroud', *Penguin Book of Classic Urdu Stories*. ed. M. Assaduddin, New Delhi: Penguin/Viking, 2006.
2. Chughtai, Ismat. 'The Quilt', *Lifting the Veil: Selected Writings of Ismat Chughtai*. tr. M. Assaduddin. New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2009.
3. Senapati, Fakir Mohan. 'Rebati', *Oriya Stories*. ed. Vidya Das, tr. Kishori Charan Das, Delhi: Srishti Publishers, 2000.

### UNIT – II (15 hours)

4. Bharati, Dharamveer. *Andha Yug*. tr. Alok Bhalla, New Delhi: OUP, 2009.
5. Tagore, Rabindranath. 'Light, Oh Where is the Light?' & 'When My Play was with thee', *Gitanjali: A New Translation with an Introduction*. trans. William Radice, New Delhi: Penguin India, 2011.
6. Muktibodh, G.M. 'The Void' (tr. Vinay Dharwadker) & 'So Very Far', (tr. Tr. Vishnu Khare and Adil Jussawala), *The Oxford Anthology of Modern Indian Poetry*. ed. Vinay Dharwadker and A.K. Ramanujam, New Delhi: OUP, 2000.

### UNIT – III (15 hours)

7. Pritam, Amrita. 'I say unto Waris Shah' (tr. N.S. Tasneem), *Modern Indian Literature: An Anthology, Plays and Prose, Surveys and Poems*. ed. K.M. George, vol. 3, Delhi: Sahitya Akademi, 1992.
8. Singh, Thangjam Ibopishak. 'Dali, Hussain, or Odour of Dream, Colour of Wind' & 'The Land of the Half-Humans', *The Anthology of Contemporary Poetry from the Northeast*. tr. Robin S. Ngangom, NEHU: Shillong, 2003.
9. Macwan, Joseph. *The Stepchild*. Trans. Rita Kothari, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2004.

**Practical component (if any) - NIL**

**Essential/recommended readings-** as listed in the units

**Suggestive readings:**

1. Singh, Namwar. 'Decolonising the Indian Mind', *Indian Literature*, tr. Harish Trivedi, no. 151(Sept./Oct. 1992), 1992.
2. Ambedkar, B.R. Chaps. 4, 6, & 14, *Annihilation of Caste in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches*, vol. 1, Maharashtra: Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, 1979.
3. U.R. Ananthamurthy: 'Being a Writer in India'
4. Vinay Dharwadker: 'Some Contexts of Modern Indian Poetry'
5. Aparna Dharwadker, 'Modern Indian Theatre', *Routledge Handbook of Asian Theatre*. ed. Siyuan Liu, London: Routledge, 2016. pp 243-67

**Note:** Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.