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# HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE II

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## **AILLED COURSE IV**

### **HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE II**

#### **Objectives:**

To expose learners to the historical background of the literary texts from the Age of Pope to the Present Age To make learners understand the rise and fall of literary movements and their relationships to socio-political and socio-religious events

**Unit – I** Chapters XIII & XIV : The Age of Pope

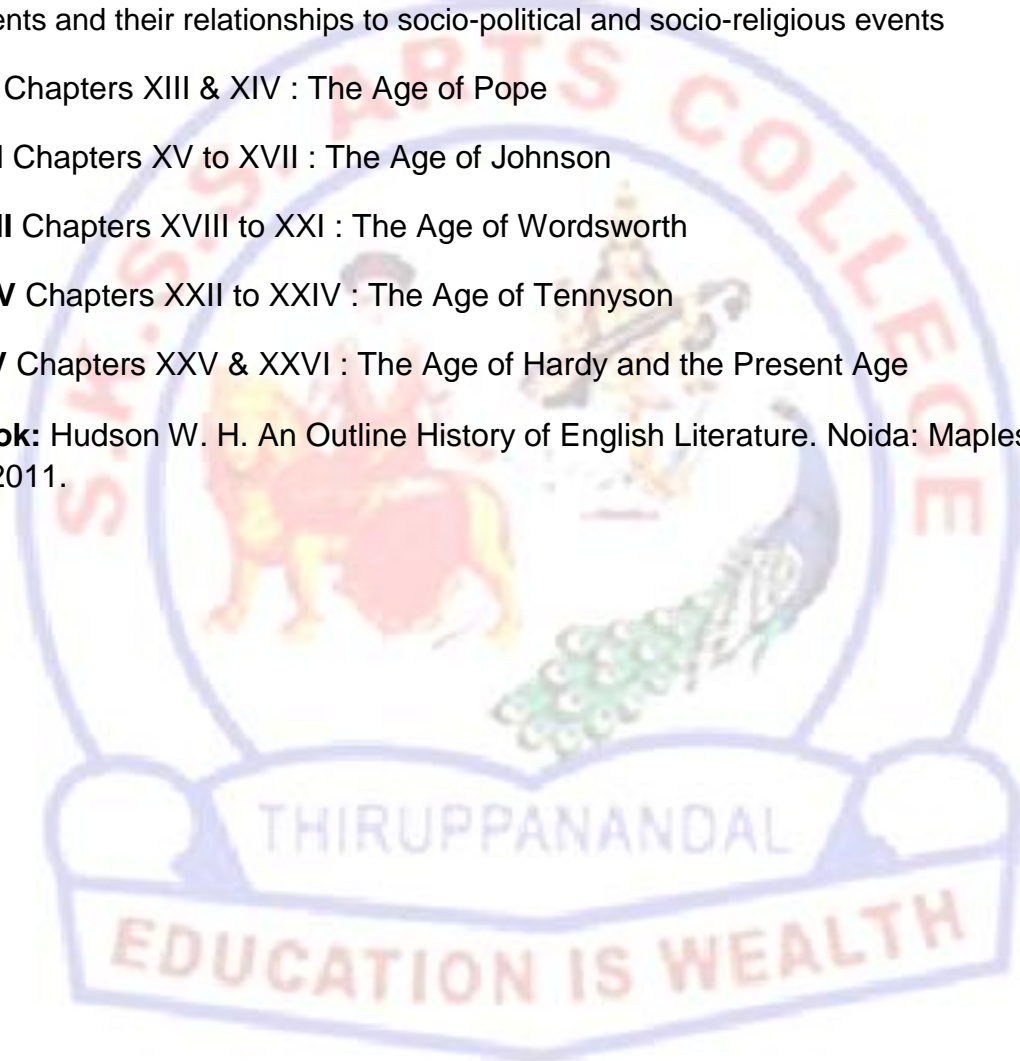
**Unit – II** Chapters XV to XVII : The Age of Johnson

**Unit – III** Chapters XVIII to XXI : The Age of Wordsworth

**Unit – IV** Chapters XXII to XXIV : The Age of Tennyson

**Unit – V** Chapters XXV & XXVI : The Age of Hardy and the Present Age

**Textbook:** Hudson W. H. An Outline History of English Literature. Noida: Maples Press, 2011.



## UNIT I

### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. The Neo-classical Age in English Literature follows the models of :

- a. Roman
- b. Greek Literature
- c. The Elizabethan Literature
- d. Anglo-saxon Literature

2. Iliad and odyssey were translated in to English by:

- a. Pope
- b. Dryden
- c. Milton
- d. Dr. Johnson

3. When did steele start „The spectator „?

- a. 1707
- b. 1710
- c. 1711
- d. d.1712

4. Daniel Defoe is a \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Moralist
- b. Spritualist
- c. Realist
- d. Satirist

5. The first English novel, which is a children"s classic or collection of adventurous stories is \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Robinson
- b. Tom Jones
- c. The Rivals
- d. Gullivers travels

6. Andrew Freeport, will honey comp, captain sentry are the characters from the journal \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The Tatler
- b. The Rampler
- c. The Spectator
- d. The Idler

7. In which book Jonathan swift attacked the papists and Presbyterians?

- a. The Battle of the books
- b. The tale of a Tub
- c. Gulliver"s travels
- d. Journal to stella

8. Who started a non-political paper „ The Review „

- a. Addison
- b. steel
- c. Jonson
- d. Daniel Defoe

9. Pop"s pastoral"s is a collection of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. short stories
- b. Essays
- c. poems
- d. odes

10."In gulliver"s Travels" the hero meets \_\_\_\_\_ in Lilliput

- a. Dwarfs
- b. Giants
- c. Philosophers
- d. horses

**ANSWERS :1-a, 2-a, 3-d, 4-d, 5-a, 6-c, 7-b, 8-d, 9-c, 10-a**

**SHORT QUESTIONS:**

11. Why is the classical age is also called the Augustan Age

12. Write a brief note on the life pope .

13. Write a short note on pope"s poem „The Rape of the lock „.

14. Mention the works of Defoe.

15. Give a short account of Defoe"s „Robison crusoe" .

16. What is swift"s „Tale of a Tub" about?.



17. Why is the Gulliver's Travel's popular in English Literature?
18. Write an account on „The spectator“.
19. Write a few lines and stevie's periodical „The Tatler“.
20. What are the main characteristics of Addison's prose.

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

21. What are the characteristics of the poetry of the classical or Augustan age ?
22. Write an account of pope's works.
23. Write an account of pope as a satirist .
24. What is the contribution of Defoe to English fiction ?
25. Why is Robinson Crusoe claimed to be the first English novel?
26. Why is Swift's „ Gulliver's Travels“ considered to be his masterpiece ?
27. Write an account of Defoe's works .
28. Narrate the contribution of Addison to periodical essay .
29. Write an account of the rise of periodical essay .
30. Describe Addison's Humour and satire in his essay.

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

31. What are the characteristics of the classical school of poetry?
32. Give an account of the life of pope and his works.
33. Write an account of the Defoe's contribution to English fiction.
34. Write an account of the life and works of Swift.
35. Write in detail the contribution of Addison and Steele to the development of essay
36. Write a note on Swift as a satirical prose writer.
37. Write an account of the rise of the periodical Essay.
38. Write an account of Steele's contribution of periodical Essay .
39. Write a note on Steele's periodical „ Tatler“ .
40. Write an account on the prose satire „The Battle of Books by Swift.

### UNIT II

#### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Sir James Boswell was chiefly a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. dramatist
  - b. novelist
  - c. journalist
  - d. biographer
2. Dr. Primrose is a famous character from the novel of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Richardson
  - b. Fielding
  - c. Goldsmith
  - d. Stern

3. Which among following is a Pindaric ode ?

- a. The Progress of Poesy
- b. The Bard
- c. Both a and b
- d. None of the above

4. "The progress of poesy" by Gray is a/an \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Allegory
- b. Pindaric Ode
- c. C. Sonnet
- d. A Long Poem

5. Which novel of Tobias Smollett is a picaresque novel?

- a. Humphry Clinker
- b. Roderic Random
- c. Peregrine Pickle
- d. All the three are Picaresque Novels

6. The real novel begins with the publication of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Richardson's "Pamela"
- b. Sheridan's "The Rival"
- c. Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield"
- d. Johnson's "Rasselas"

7. "Rambler" was a periodical issued by \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Goldsmith
- b. Addison
- c. Steele
- d. Johnson

8. Who wrote these lines? "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air".

- a. John Donne
- b. William Blake
- c. Robert Burns
- d. Thomas Gray

9. Blake's "Song of Innocence" was published in the year \_\_\_\_\_

- a. 1789
- b. 1790
- c. 1778
- d. 1791

10. The sentimental comedy was a reaction against\_\_\_\_\_

- a. The comedy of manners
- b. Elizabethan comedy
- c. Tragic comedy
- d. Renaissance

**ANSWERS: 1- d, 2 - c, 3 - c, 4-b, 5-d, 6-a, 7-d, 8-d, 9-a, 10-a**

### **SHORT QUESTIONS**

- 11. What are the chief characteristics of the classical school of poetry?.
- 12. Write a note on Dr. Johnson's poems
- 13. Name the two important poem of Oliver Goldsmith
- 14. What are the chief characteristics of pre- Romantic Rival or the age of Transition?
- 15. Define sentimental comedy
- 16. Mention the chief characteristics of novel during the age of Johnson.
- 17. What are the works of Henry Fielding ?
- 18. Mention the work written by Richardson.
- 19. Write a brief note on Smollett and his works.
- 20. Give a short account of Laurence setrnes work .

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 21. Discuss the characteristics of the age of Johnson.
- 22. Write an account on the life and prose works of Dr. Johnson
- 23. Give an account of the life of Goldsmith and his works.
- 24. Describe Richardson's " Pamela " as an epistolary novel .
- 25. Why is Richardson's „clarissa“ called his masterpiece?
- 26. Tom Jones is the greatest novel in the 18<sup>th</sup> century" says Hudson .Elucidate.
- 27. Gray's Elegy is one of the memorable poems in English Literature . Explain.
- 28. What are the chief characteristics of Burn's poetry?
- 29. Write an account of sheriden as a dramatists of the eighteenth century .
- 30. "William Blake is the worth predecessors of Words worth" .Explain.

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 31. What did Dr. Johnson contribute to the development of English prose ? Explain.
- 32. Discuss Oliver Goldsmith as a prose writer .
- 33. Consider Richard son as the father of English novel .
- 34. Discuss Fielding as the father of proper of the English novel
- 35. Write an essay on the development of poetry in the Age of Johnson .
- 36. Discuss the contribution of Dr. Johnson and Oliver Goldsmith to English poetry .
- 37. Who were the transitional poets of the eighteenth century? Describe the contribution of Thomas Gray to poetry .
- 38. Write an account of Robert Burns contribution to poetry in the Age of Transition .
- 39. Write an essay on the personal element in Goldsmith's essay.
- 40. Write a note on Cowper's life and work .

### UNIT III

#### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. The Excursion by Wordsworth is written in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Heroic couplet
  - b. Octosyllable couplet
  - c. Blank verse
  - d. None of the above
2. Robert Southey was English poet Laureate in the year
  - a. 801
  - b. 1810
  - c. 1813
  - d. 1820
3. Byron's The vision of Judgement is a satire against the works of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Keats
  - b. Shelley
  - c. Wordsworth
  - d. Southey
4. Who was the notorious and whose licentious description caused scandals?
  - a. Shelley
  - b. Keats
  - c. Byron
  - d. Coleridge
5. Coleridge's ode on Dejection is addressed to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Byron
  - b. Wordsworth
  - c. Shelley
  - d. Keats
6. Elia is the pen name of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Bacon
  - b. Hazlitt
  - c. Charles Lamb
  - d. Thomas De Quincey
7. Which novel of Scott deals with the life of Queen Elizabeth's day?
  - a. Kenilworth
  - b. Bride of Lammermoor
  - c. Ivanhoe



- d. Quentin Durward
8. Whose novels are generally known as pure novel?
- a. Emile Bronte
  - b. Charlotte Bronte
  - c. Emile Dickenson
  - d. Jane Austen
9. Walter Scott was the greatest novelist of \_\_\_\_\_
- a. England
  - b. Germany
  - c. Italy
  - d. Scotland
10. "The Reminiscences of the English Lake poets" is written by \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Hazlitt
  - b. Leigh Hunt
  - c. Thomas De Quincey

**ANSWERS: 1-c, 2-c, 3-d, 4-c, 5-b, 6-c, 7-d, 8-d, 9-d, 10-c**

### SHORT QUESTIONS

- 11. Define "Romanticism"
- 12. Write a note on "Lyrical Ballads".
- 13. What are the aims set forth by Wordsworth in his "Preface to the Lyrical Ballads"?
- 14. What are the important poems of Walter Scott?
- 15. Why is Shelley's early life called or nicknamed "The Mad Shelley"?
- 16. Who are the chief prose writers of the age of Wordsworth?
- 17. Mention the important works of Charles Lamb.
- 18. What are "Waverley novels"? Name some of them.
- 19. Write a few lines of Scott as a historical novelist.
- 20. Why are the novels of Jane Austen called "Novels of Manners"?

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

- 21. Why is "Prelude" called an autobiographical poem of Wordsworth?
- 22. Why is Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" called his masterpiece?  
What is the story of the poem?
- 23. How do you account Coleridge as a metrical artist?
- 24. Write down the chief characteristics of Byron's poetry.
- 25. List the works of Keats mentioning their importance.
- 26. Who were the important prose writers during the age of Wordsworth? Write a brief note on them.

27. Explain briefly the chief characteristics of De Quincey's prose writings.
28. Describe the autobiographical element in Lamb's essays.
29. Explain briefly the historical background in Scott's novels.
30. How is the scenery of Scotland of Scotland is depicted in the novels of Scott?

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

31. Sum up main characteristics of Romantic Revival.
32. Explain the characteristics and merits of Wordsworth's poetry.
33. Write in detail the chief characteristics of Byron's poetry.
34. Give an account of Shelley's life and poetry.
35. Comment on the life works of John Keats.
36. Write an account of the history of prose during age of Wordsworth.
37. Write an essay on the chief characteristics of De Quincey's prose writings.
38. Write an essay on the "The Essays of Elia" by Charles Lamb.
39. Discuss Hazlitt as an essayist.
40. Write an account of Scott as a historical novelist.

### UNIT IV

#### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

1. Browning's „The Ring and the Book" is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Lyrical Drama
  - b. Long narrative poem
  - c. a series of nine monologues
  - d. domestic novels
2. In „Sesame and Lilies" Ruskin has taken the word "sesame" from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Idylls of the Kings
  - b. Isaiah
  - c. Arabian Nights
  - d. Rubaiyat
3. The first novel by Dickens is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The Pickwick Papers
  - b. Martin Chuzzlewit
  - c. Great Expectations
  - d. Tale of Two Cities
4. Who is the most Romantic woman novelist of 19<sup>th</sup> century?
  - a. Charlotte Brontë
  - b. Anne Brontë
  - c. Emily Brontë
  - d. George Eliot

5. Ruskin openly declared that he was a disciple of \_\_\_\_\_
- Maucaley
  - Thackaray
  - Arnold
6. Fra Lippo" is the dramatic monologue of the same title is a \_\_\_\_\_
- painter
  - Tailor
  - Teacher
  - Doctor
7. Middlemarch „ by George Eliot is a \_\_\_\_\_
- sentimental novel
  - Tragic novel
  - Religious novel
  - Historical novel
8. A Tale of Two Cities „by Dickens is a \_\_\_\_\_ novel
- autobiographical
  - picaresque
  - historical
  - adventurous
9. Carlyle was influenced by the \_\_\_\_\_ writers
- French
  - Italian
  - German
  - English
10. Tennyson's „Ulysses" is based on \_\_\_\_\_
- Homer's „Odyssey"
  - Virgil's „Aeneid"
  - Dante's "Inferno"
  - None of the above

**ANSWERS: 1-c, 2-c, 3-a, 4-c, 5-c, 6-a, 7-b, 8-c, 9-c, 10-c**

### **SHORT ANSWERS**

- What is Victorian compromise?
- Name the poems of Tennyson's.
- What is the chief dramatic monologue of Browning?
- What are the finest poem of Mathew Arnold ?
- Give a brief note on Swinburne .

16. Write a note carlyle"s message.
17. Mention the important works of john Ruskin.
18. Write a brief account of Ruskin"s „Unto This Last“.
19. Give a brief sketch of R.L.Stevenson
20. Write a brief account of Thackeray"s chief novels

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

21. Explain Tennyson as a lyrical poet.
22. Mention the works of Browning.
23. What is „Dramatic monologue“?
24. Give the life sketch of Mathew Arnold.
25. What is the message of Ruskin in his essays?
26. What are the prose works of Mathew Arnold? Mention the importance.
27. Discuss the works of Charles Dickinson.
28. Sketch the life and works of Thackeray.
29. What is the important work of George Eliot?
30. Who are called Bronte sisters? Write a brief note on Emily Bronte"s novel „Wuthering Heights“.

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

31. Write an account of the age of Tennyson-the trends in the social life and literary tendencies.
32. " As a poet who expresses not so much a personal as a national spread ,Tennyson is probably the most representative literary man of the Victorian era" Discuss.
33. Write an essay on the life and works of Robert Browning .
34. Give an account of the life and main poetical works of Mathew Arnold.
35. Discuss Carlyle"s contribution to English prose.
36. Attempt and Appraisal of the literary works of Ruskin .
37. Write an account of R.L.Stevenson as an essayist.
38. Discuss dickens as a novelist .
39. What are the characteristics of the novels of Thackeray ?Explain.
40. What are the characteristics of the novels of George Eliot?

### UNIT V

### CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWERS

1. William Butler Yeats is known for his \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Mysticism
  - b. symbolism
  - c. psychological realism
  - d. all the three



2. W.B.Yeats was influenced by \_\_\_\_
- Verlaine, a French symbolists
  - Russian writers
  - dramatic Ibsen
  - American poets
3. Which is the first play by G.B. Shaw?
- Arms and the man
  - The apple cart
  - Man and super man
  - Widower"s house
4. In the poem „ Sailing to Byzantium“ by W.B.Yeats ,Byzantium signifies \_\_\_\_\_
- The city
  - The sea coasts
  - The Inward thought
  - The outer beauty
5. Shaw"s"Apple cart" is a /an \_\_\_\_\_
- allegory
  - comedy and fruit selling
  - satire on democracy
  - Tragedy
6. T.S.Eliot dedicated his the waste land to \_\_\_\_\_
- Ezra pound
  - Bernadshaw
  - Thomas hardy
  - John Ruskin
7. The phrase „ religion of the blood „is associated with \_\_\_\_\_
- Virginia Woolf
  - James Joyce
  - D.H Lawrence
  - E.M.Forster
8. Virginia woolf was the daughter of an eminent critic which of the following ?
- I.A.Richard
  - F.R.Leavis
  - Harold pinter
  - Leslie stephen
9. Who is the author of „Two Cheers for democracies „?

- a. Aldous Huxley
- b. E.M. Forsters
- c. Rudyard Kipling
- d. Oscar Wilde

10. Who was the founder of the „Bloomsbury“ Group, a literary club of England?

- a. Virginia Woolf
- b. Christina Rossetti
- c. Edith Sitwell
- d. Katherine Mansfield

**ANSWERS: 1-d, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b, 5-c, 6-a, 7-c, 8-d, 9-b, 10-a**

### SHORT QUESTIONS

11. Why is Hardy called a regional novelist?
12. What is Georgian poetry? Mention some of the main Georgian poets.
13. Why are Shaw's plays called „problem plays“?
14. Explain briefly the works of Rudyard Kipling.
15. Mention some of the novels of H.G. Wells and their importance.
16. What are the distinguishing features of Walter De la Mare's poems?
17. Name some of the novels of Somerset Maugham and its significance.
18. What is „stream of consciousness novel“?
19. Comment briefly on Joyce's „Ulysses“.
20. Why is 1984 a thought-provoking novel?

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

21. Mention the works of Oscar Wilde.
22. Give an account of life and works of Thomas Hardy.
23. Write an account on „the Irish movement“.
24. What is the significance of Sir James Barrie in Modern Drama?
25. Explain Arnold Bennett as a realistic and regionalist novelist.
26. What are the salient features of T.S. Eliot's poetry?
27. Why is „The Waste Land“ by T.S. Eliot called his masterpiece?
28. Cecil Day-Lewis „is a more human poet“, explain.
29. Comment on Louis MacNeice's poetry.
30. What is „stream of consciousness novel“? Name the writers who followed this art-form.

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

31. Write an essay on the life and works of Thomas Hardy.
32. Write an account on the life and works of Bernard Shaw.
33. Discuss the life and works of W.B. Yeats.
34. Write an account of J.M. Synge as a playwright.
35. Give an estimate of H.G. Wells as a novelist and a thinker.
36. Write an essay on the salient features of Hopkins's poetry.

37. explain the achievement of T.S.Eliot as a poet.
38. describe virginia woolf as a morden novelist
39. give an account of works of James Joyces and his contributions to morden novel
40. write an account of the Chief essayists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

