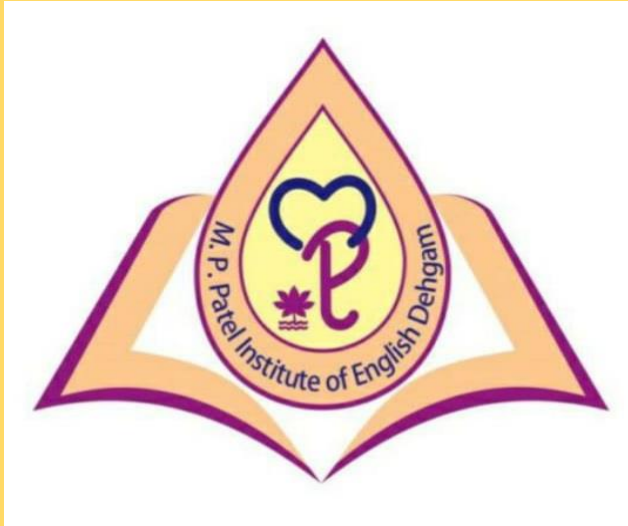


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Core – 102 – Foundation Studies in English

Unit – 1

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Introduction to the
History of English Literature
(1550 – 1960)

Time Period

1559-1625

(The Elizabethan Age/ The Age of Shakespeare)

Major Characteristics

- a. Age of Renaissance and Romanticism
- b. Golden Age of Drama and Poetry
- c. Nest of Singing Birds

Time Period

1625-1660

(The Age of Milton/The
Puritan Age)

Major Characteristics

- a. Flowering of Metaphysical Poetry
- b. The Collapse of the Drama
- c. The Cavalier Poets

Time Period

1660-1700

(The Age of Dryden/
The Restoration Age)

Major Characteristics

- a. Literature of Realism
- b. Imitation of the Ancients and French
- c. Birth of Comedy of Manners

Time Period

1700-1740

(The Age of Pope/ The Augustan Age

Major Characteristics

- a. Age of Neo-classism
- b. Age of Prose and Reason
- c. The Rise of Periodical Writing

Time Period

1740-1798

(The Age of Johnson/
The Age of Transition)

Major Characteristics

- a. Age of New Learning and New Philosophy
- b. Beginning of the Modern Novel
- c. The Double Tendency towards Classism and Romanticism

Time Period

1798-1832

(The Age of Wordsworth/
The Romantic Age)

Major Characteristics

- a. Return to Nature
- b. Abundant Output of Lyrical Poetry
- c. Tendency towards Simplicity of Diction

Time Period

1832-1890

(The Age of Tennyson/
The Victorian Age)

Major Characteristics

- a. Age of Industrial Revolution
- b. Pre-Raphaelite Poetry
- c. Age of Compromise

Time Period

1890-1918

(The Age of Thomas
Hardy)

Major Characteristics

- a. Literature of Social Purpose
- b. The Rebirth of Drama
- c. Theory of 'Art for Art's Sake'

Time Period

1918-1939

(The Age of Inter-War
Years)

Major Characteristics

- a. Variety of Technical Experiment
- b. The Influence of Radio and Cinema
- c. Stream of Consciousness Novel

Time Period

1939-1960

(The Modern Age)

Major Characteristics

- a. The Age of Interrogation
- b. Development of Scientific Spirit
- c. Theatre of the Absurd

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