

**St. Joseph's Evening College, Autonomous**  
OPTIONAL ENGLISH SYLLABUS  
SEMESTER I-CHAUCER TO ROMANTICS

**(60 HOURS)**

**UNIT I**

**(10 HOURS)**

A survey of History of English Literature (Chaucer to Romantics 1340-1850)

- Tudor England (1340-1600)
- The Renaissance and the Reformation
- Puritanism
- Restoration England
- The Effects of French Revolution in British Life
- The age of Romantics

**Unit II**

**(6 hours)**

Literary forms and terms (Poetic devices and literary forms)

- Poetic Devices-The sounds of words-Assonance and Consonance, form, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhetorical questions, Settings and Rhyme (types of poems like odes, ballad, elegy etc)
- Literary Devices- Allusions, Allegory, Antithesis, Archetype, Connotation, Denotation, Dramatic techniques, Euphemism, Hyperbole, Imagery, Irony, Metaphor, Motif, Oxymoron, paradox, Pathetic Fallacy, Personification, Pun, Satire, Simile, Symbolism, Tone.

**Unit III**

**(8 hours)**

Prose

1. Francis Bacon: Of Studies
2. Charles Lamb: Old China

**Unit IV**

**(20hours)**

Poetry

1. Philip Sydney: Virtue, let me have some rest (Sonnet 4)
2. John Milton: On His Blindness
3. William Blake: Lamb and the Tyger
4. William Wordsworth: Lines written in Early spring
5. John Keats: Ode to a Grecian Urn

## **Unit V**

**(16 hours)**

### Drama

1. William Shakespeare: Macbeth ( The sleep walk scene-Act 5)

### **External References/Readings**

1. An outline History of English Literature by W H Hudson
2. A history of English Literature by Edward Albert
3. A history of English Literature by Arthur Compton Rickett
4. A critical history of English Literature by David Daiches
5. A Glossary of Literary Terms by M H Abrams

## **II. EVALUATION**

### **1. Continuous Internal Assessment (30 marks)**

Two tests- 20 Marks

One Assignment- 05 Marks

Attendance- 05 Marks

End Semester Exam- 70 Marks