SYLLABUS FOR Ph.D (English) ADMISSION TEST

'Sir Roger at Church'

'Rural Manners'

Steele 'The Coverley Household'

'Sir Roger's Ancestors'

'Of the Club'

Swift: *Gulliver's Travels(Only Book I for detailed study)

Congreve: The Way of the World Daniel Defoe: Robinson Crusoe

Sheridan: The Rivals

POETRY OF THE ROMANTIC AGE

Wordsworth: The Prelude (1805) Bk. I

(ed. Selincourt)
Tintern Abbey
Lucy Poems

1. 'She dwelt among the untrodden ways'

2. 'Three years she grew in sun and shower'

Coleridge: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Kubla Khan

Byron: Childe Harold's Pilgrimage (Cantos 1-4)

'When we two parted'

'She walks in Beauty'
'Stanzas for Music'

'Sonnet on Chillon'

Shelley: The Mask of Anarchy

Adonais.

'Ode to the West Wind' Keats: *Endymion, Book I* 'Ode on a Grecian Urn'

'Ode to Autumn',

'Ode to a Nightingale'

POETRY OF THE VICTORIAN AGE

Tennyson: The following poems:

The Lotus Eaters The Palace of Art The Two Voices

'Ulysses' In Memoriam

Browning: 'Andrea delSarto'

'The Last Ride Together'

'Rabbi ben Ezra'
'Porphyria's Lover'

Arnold: 'Dover Beach'

'To Marguerite' (Yea, in the sea of life)

'Shakespeare'

'The Scholar-Gipsy'

Hopkins: 'The Windhover'

'The Starlight Night'

'No worst, there is none'

PROSE AND FICTION OF THE ROMANTIC AGE

Scott: The Heart of Midlothian

Jane Austen : Persuasion Hazlitt: Selections

(ed. G. Sampson)

The following essays:

'My First Acquaintance with Poets',

'On Going a Journey'

'On Reading Old Books'

Lamb: Essays of Elia 'Dream Children '

'Mackery End in Herfordshire'

'Poor Relations'

PROSE AND FICTION OF THE VICTORIAN AGE

Dickens: David Copperfield

Thackeray: Vanity Fair George. Eliot: Middlemarch

Pater: Appreciations : (only two essays)

'Style', 'Coleridge'

Ruskin: *Unto this Last*

Oscar Wilde: The Importance of Being Earnest

POETRY FROM CHAUCER TO SHAKESPEARE

Chaucer: The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales

The Pardoner's Tale The Knight's Tale

Spenser: The Faerie Queen, Book I

(Cantos I – V for detailed study)

Shakespeare: Sonnets Nos. 17, 20, 23, 27, 30, 42, 55, 64, 66,86, 116, 125,

130.

POETRY FROM DONNE TO MILTON

Donne: The following poems from Helen Gardener's anthology:

The Metaphysical Poets (Penguin)

'The Good Morrow'

'The Flea'

'The Sunne Rising'

'The Canonization'

'The Relique'

'This is my play's last scene'

Andrew Marvell: 'To His Coy Mistress'

'On a Drop of Dew'

'The Garden'

George Herbert: 'The Agonie'

The Collar' 'Jordan' (I)

Crashaw: 'A Hymne of the Nativity'

Milton: Paradise Lost Book I and II (Book I for detailed study)

MODERN BRITISH LITERATURE UPTO 1950

Yeats: Selections from Palgrave's

The Golden Treasury (1965 edition, OUP)

'No Second Troy'

'The Second Coming'

'Sailing to Byzantium'

'Leda and the Swan'

'Byzantium'

T.S. Eliot: The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock

The Waste Land

Auden: Selections from Modern Verse,

(The World's Classics Series)

'Muses de Beaux Arts'

'The Shield of Achilles'

Lullaby: 'Lay your Sleeping Head My Love'
Spender : Selections from *Modern Verse*,

(The World's Classics Series)

'The Landscape Near an Aerodrome'

'The Prisoners'
'The Express'

Shaw: Man and Superman Synge: Riders to the Sea

D.H. Lawrence : Sons and Lovers

Conrad: Heart of Darkness

James Joyce : A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

MODERN BRITISH LITERATURE AFTER 1950

Philip Larkin: 'Poetry of Departures'

'Toads Revisited'

'Mr Bleany'
'Churchgoing'

Ted Hughes: 'Hawk Roosting'

'Thought Fox' 'Hawk in the Rain'

Seamus Heaney: 'Traditions'

'Punishment'

'The Railway Children' Angus Wilson : Late Call Paul Scott: Staying on

John Fowles : The French Lieutenant's Woman

Harold Pinter: The Birthday Party

Arnold Wesker: Chicken Soup with Barley

Tom Stoppard: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

LITERARY CRITICISM

Aristotle: Poetics (Butcher's Translation).

Dryden: 'Essay of Dramatic Poesie'

Wordsworth : Preface to *The Lyrical Ballads* (1800 Edition)

Coleridge: Biographia Literaria, Chapter XIII

Arnold: 'The Function of Criticism in Modern Times'

T.S. Eliot: 'Tradition and Individual Talent'

'The Metaphysical Poets'

(A) Basic Concepts of Practical Criticism

I.A. Richards: The Four Kinds of Meaning

Basic Concepts of New Criticism

Cleanth Brooks: The Language of Paradox

(B) Practical Criticism

(Unseen Poetry and/or Prose extracts)

CONTEMPORARY LITERARY THEORY

- A). Conceptual Framework of Contemporary Literary Theory: Historical Background (Literary Criticism and Literary Theory, Literature and Experience, Literary Tradition, Literary Production and Consumption), Philosophical Background (brief introduction to concepts of Russian Formalism, Empiricism, Phenomenology, Linguistic Determinism, Intention and meaning, Author, text and reader).
- B). Debates, controversies and arguments in the 1980s; the English Synthesis; the weakening of the English Synthesis: Impact of theory on English Studies.
- A). Structuralism: Language & Literature as Structure; Structuralist Narratology; implications of Structualism for the study of literature.
- B). Deconstruction: Critique of logocentricism; undecidability of meaning; difference and dissemination; American deconstruction.
- C). Psychoanalytic Theory: Discovery of the Unconscious: Freud; Deviations from Freudian mapping of the Unconscious: Jung and Otto Rank: Ego-centrist approach to theory and practice of psychoanalysis: the American School; Lacan and his revolt against ego-centrist psychoanalysis.
- A). New Historicism: The culture scape of American; conditions necessitating the deviation from historicism and dialectical materialism; the theory.
- B). Cultural Materialism: The culture scape of Europe; impact of World Wars and Fascism; the theory.
- C). Feminism: Relationship of theory to Feminism; critique of and rocentricism, gynocriticism.