

## 10. AN INTRODUCTION TO MODERN LITERATURE (1900-1940)

### Objectives & Outcomes:

After going through the course the learner would be able to

- Identify the features of Modern literature.
- Understand the aspects of literary genres, forms and terms of the period.
- Analyze the characteristics of poetry, drama, fiction and literary criticism.
- Have a detailed understanding of the literary texts with the progression of age.
- Critically appreciate the literary texts of the period.

### Unit- I

**History of Modern Literature---**  
**Literary Genres---**

Characteristics, Major themes & writers  
Absurd Drama, Existentialism, Stream of Consciousness,  
Naturalism, Realism, Surrealism

### Unit- II

**Poetry---**W.B. Yeats: *Sailing to Byzantium*  
T.S. Eliot: *Journey of the Magi*

### Unit- III

**Drama---**Samuel Beckett: *Waiting for Godot*

### Unit- IV

**Fiction---**D.H. Lawrence: *The Rainbow*

### Unit- V

**Literary Criticism---**T.S. Eliot: *Traditional and Individual Talent*

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**Activities:**

Making the students prepare mind maps based on the plot of the novel.

Students are to prepare biographies of the prescribed authors.

To prepare charts of authors with different literary genres.

Group discussion on characteristics of the literary period.

Seminar presentations on the literary texts prescribed.

Enacting notable scenes/acts of the drama prescribed.

**Components of Evaluation:**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Marks (Maximum 100)</b>
<b>Unit – I</b>	15
<b>Unit – II</b>	15
<b>Unit – III</b>	15
<b>Unit – IV</b>	15
<b>Unit – V</b>	15
<b>Internal Marks</b>	25