9. AN INTRODUCTION TO VICTORIAN LITERATURE (1837-1900)

Objectives & Outcomes:
After going through the course the learner would be able to

- Identify the influences of the Victorian society on its literary period.
- 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 Victorian Literature--- Characteristics, Major themes & writers
Literary Genres---   Gothic Novel, Melodrama, Historical Novel, Sentimental Novel, Regional Novel, Flat Character, Round Character, Dramatic Monologue

Unit- II

Poetry---Robert Browning: *My Last Duchess*
         Elizabeth Barrett Browning:*Patience Taught by Nature*

Unit- III

Drama--- Oscar Wilde:*The Importance of Being Earnest*
Unit- IV

Fiction---Charles Dickens: *David Copperfield*

Unit- V

Literary Criticism---Mathew Arnold:*Function of Criticism, Touchstone Method*

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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:

Objectives	Marks (Maximum 100)
Unit – I	15
Unit – II	15
Unit – III	15
Unit – IV	I5
Unit – V	15
Internal Marks	25