

M A English Semester III:

Topics for Assignment & Case Study

The page limit for Assignment is 15 and for the Case Study 10. Both shall be hand written and shall be submitted on the stipulated date. Please don't use plastic folders or stick files.

Attempt any one question under each head.

Paper 9 Core EL 231 Linguistics & Structure of the English Language

Assignment

1. Attempt an essay on the main features of language and the study of language.
2. The contribution of Noam Chomsky to linguistics
3. Write an essay on the major developments in psycholinguistics.

Case Study

1. The classification and descriptions of English vowels
2. The difference between animal and human communication

Paper 10 Core EL 232 Literary Theory 2

Assignment

1. Attempt an essay on how the form and function, and the production and consumption of texts reflect class ideologies.
2. Foucault's observations on "What is the author".
3. Show how media exists within ideological constraints and become constitutive of the very ideology it re-presents.

Case Study

1. Said's notions about how the Orient is constructed.
2. Why is it hard to analyse history objectively?

Paper 11 Elective 1 EL 233 Contemporary Malayalam Literature in English Translation

Assignment

1. Attempt a critique of Narendra Prasad's *Sowparnika*.
2. Discuss the transformation of V.T. from a poor child to a confident young man as depicted in *My Tears, My Dreams*.
3. Narayan's *Kocharethi* narrates the tale of three generations, their struggles, and quest for identity. Substantiate.

Case Study

1. Nalini represents womanhood who strives hard to sculpt a place in the patriarchal society. Elucidate.
2. Attempt a critical evaluation of the poem "Ethra Yadrishikam."

Paper 12 Elective 2 EL 233 Dalit Writing

Assignment

1. The chief socio political movements against caste system.
2. Major poets and their representation of the Dalit identity.
3. Attempt a critical analysis of K. Gunashekar's *Touch*.

Case Study

1. Varna and caste hierarchy as ways for domination and control.
2. Ambedkar's views on the annihilation of caste.