

4/ENG-252 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 4th Semester Examination

ENGLISH

**[Literary Theory and Criticism
(From the Classical to the Romantic Period)]**

(ENG-252)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

SECTION—I

Answer *any three* of the following questions :

5×3=15

1. What are the six essential elements of Tragedy according to Aristotle?
2. How does excessive concern for health hinder philosophy according to Plato?
3. According to Longinus, which of the five sources of the sublime is the most important? Can one exist without the others?

4. Why does Horace insist that the plot of a drama should be taken from well-known legends?
5. Identify the four chief objections to poetry that Sidney addresses.
6. What is Johnson's opinion on Shakespeare's treatment of the three unities?
7. Analyze Coleridge's ideas on how poetry differs from prose.
8. In Dryden's *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*, how does Lisideius define drama?

SECTION—II

Answer **any four** of the following questions :

15×4=60

9. "Plot is the soul of tragedy"—says Aristotle. Do you agree? Discuss.
10. "Sublimity wins immortality for writers." Assess the enduring value of Longinus's theory on the nature and sources of the sublime.
11. "Poetry is accused of being a waste of time, a mother of lies, a nurse of abuse, and rightly banished by Plato." Elaborate on Sidney's defence against these imputations.

12. Discuss Johnson's remarks on the mixture of tragedy and comedy in *Shakespeare*. In what ways does his view reflect or challenge neoclassical taste?
13. Examine Coleridge's response to Wordsworth's assertion that there is no essential difference between prose and poetry. How does Coleridge redefine poetic language through his theory of meter?
14. Discuss the arguments put forward by Crites in favour of the Ancients.
15. In Book 3 of Plato's *Republic* Socrates's educational programme is not to appreciate art for its own sake, but to shape the souls of the guardians, ensuring they are mentally and physically prepared to protect the ideal State. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

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