

B.A. II

Marks: 100

Semester III

Applied Component Course in English Studies I (APC-I) English

Paper Code: 360101

Title of the course: Introduction to Children's Literature

Subject	L	Cr	P / T	D	TP	TW	T
Introduction to Children's Literature	4	4		2.30	75	25	100

Objectives:

1. To introduce students to major genres in and conventions of literature for children.
2. To develop critical skills for reading, thinking and writing about children's literature

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course the students will be able to:

1. Understand the history of children's literature and how it impacts the development of the audience it serves.
2. Identify and describe distinct literary characteristics of children's literature
3. Write analytically about children's literature from various genres
4. Effectively communicate ideas related to children's literature through classroom discussions and presentations.

Recommended Texts: 1) *Swami and Friends*: R.K. Narayan (1935) University of Chicago Press Edition 1980.

2) *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*: J.K. Rowling, Bloomsbury 1997

Unit	Topic and Details	Weightage in %
1.	Background on Children's Literature a) What is Children's Literature? The development of children's	25%

	literature in India and in the ‘Western Anglo American Tradition’. b) Different genres of children’s literature. c) Unique characteristics of children’s literature	
2.	Analytical Study of Recommended Texts	75%

Evaluation Scheme:

Internal Examination

- 1) Questions on Unit I : 10 marks
2) Assignment on prescribed texts : 15 marks

External Examination

- 1) Objective questions on Unit I : 15 marks
2) Two short questions on the texts (two out of three) : 20marks
3) Reference to the context (two out of three) : 20 marks
4) One Narrative question (1 out of 2) : 20 marks

Recommended Reading:-

- 1) Children’s Literature: A very short introduction. Kimberly Reynolds, Oxford University Press, 2011.
- 2) Reading Children’s Literature: A critical introduction Carrie Hintz and Eric L. Trubunella, Bedford/ St. Marins, 2013.
- 3) Nodelman, Perry (2008). The Hidden Adult: Defining Children’s Literature. JHU. ISBN 978-0-8018-8980-6.
- 4) Critical Companion to J.K. Rowling: A Literary Reference to her Life and Work, Facts on File, 2012.
- 5) A Critical study of R.K. Narayan’s: Swami and Friends and The Guide: Ruby Roy, Kalpaz Publications, 2015.
- 6) R.K. Narayan: Critical Essays, Sarbani Puttatunda, PHI Learning Private Ltd., New Delhi, 2012.

7) An Overview of Indian Children's Literature, Radhika Menon, Tulika Publishers (tulikabooks.com), 2000.

8) Telling Tales: Children's Literature in India: Ami Dasgupta, Taylor and Francis, 1995.

L = No. of Lectures / week, P / T = Practical / Tutorial in hrs, D = Duration of Theory paper for Examination in hrs, TP = Theory Paper-marks, TW = Term Work - marks,

P/V = Practical / Viva Voce - marks, T = Total