

Course Outline, M. A. English, Semester II, Morning Class

Subject: Literary Criticism-II

Syllabus:

- * William Wordsworth: The Preface to the Lyrical Ballads (Wordsworth as a Critic)
- * S. T. Coleridge: Biographia Literaria (Coleridge as a Critic)
- * Mathew Arnold: The Study of Poetry (Arnold as a Critic)
- * T. S. Eliot: Tradition and the Individual Talent, The Metaphysical Poets (Eliot as a Critic)

Note: Read summaries of the above mentioned texts.

*** Topics for examination:**

1. Wordsworth's theory of poetic diction
2. The qualities of a poet according to Wordsworth
3. Wordsworth as a Romantic critic
4. Coleridge's theory of Imagination and Fancy
5. The 'three estimates of poetry' according to Mathew Arnold
6. Eliot's Theory of Tradition
7. Eliot's defence of the Metaphysical Poets
8. Eliot's importance as a critic

*** Sample exam questions:**

1. Write a note on Wordsworth's theory of poetic diction. (20 marks)

*** Online sources:**

Wordsworth:

<https://www.slideshare.net/jyotibagohil1/wordsworths-theory-of-poetic-diction-82143520>

<https://www.cliffsnotes.com/literature/p/the-prelude/critical-essays/wordsworths-poetic-theory-8212-preface>

<https://malinotes.blogspot.com/2012/08/wordsworths-theory-of-poetry-poet-and.html>

<https://www.enotes.com/homework-help/what-wordsworths-theory-poetry->

Coleridge:

<http://www.cssforum.com.pk/css-optional-subjects/group-v/english-literature/403-s-t-coleridge-imagination-fancy.html>

<https://englishliterature1.wordpress.com/2014/08/06/coleridges-imagination-and-fancy/>

Arnold:

<https://sites.google.com/site/naineducationcom/literary-theory-and-criticism/an-article-on-arnold-s-the-study-of-poetry>

Eliot:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tradition_and_the_Individual_Talent

<https://interestingliterature.com/2017/02/a-short-analysis-of-t-s-eliot-s-tradition-and-the-individual-talent/>

<https://www.enotes.com/topics/tradition-individual-talent>

<https://neoenglish.wordpress.com/2010/12/08/eliot-impersonal-theory-of-poetry/>

<https://neoenglish.wordpress.com/2010/12/08/the-metaphysical-poets-dissociation-critical-summary/>

<http://www.cssforum.com.pk/css-optional-subjects/group-v/english-literature/382-metaphysical-poets.html>
