



GOA UNIVERSITY  
Taleigao Plateau

**SYLLABUS FOR GOA UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS RANKING TEST (GU-ART) IN ENGLISH**

**Section I:**

**Fiction**

Texts: *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll  
*Funny Boy* by Shyam Selvadurai  
*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie  
*Bhimayana* by Srividhya Natarajan and K. Anand.  
*Swami and Friends* by R. K. Narayan  
*In Custody* by Anita Dessai  
Mulk Raj Anand 'Two Lady Rams'  
Salman Rushdie 'The Free Radio'  
Rohinton Mistry 'Swimming Lesson'  
Shashi Deshpande 'The Intrusion'  
'Wife of Bath's' Prologue

Background: Canonical and Popular Literature  
Sense and Nonsense  
Children's Literature  
Coming of Age Novel  
Mystery & Detective Novel  
Graphic Novel  
Readership, themes, context and aesthetics of Indian Writing in English  
Indian Novelists

**Drama**

Texts: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
*Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare  
*Dr. Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe  
*The Duchess of Malfi* by John Webster  
*The Rover* by Aphra Behn

Background: Elizabethan Drama  
Shakespearean Drama  
Renaissance Humanism  
The Stage, Court and City  
Religious and Political thought  
Ideas of Love and Marriage  
The Writer in Society  
Comedy of Manners

## Women in 17<sup>th</sup> Century

### Poetry

Poetry of: H.L.V. Derozio 'Freedom to the Slave' & 'The Orphan Girl'  
Robert Ngamgon 'The Strange Affair of Robin S. Ngangom' & 'A Poem for  
Mother'  
Kamala Das 'Introduction' & 'My Grandmother's House'  
Nissim Ezekiel 'Enterprise' & 'The Night of the Scorpion'  
Spenser Sonnets LXVII, LVIII, LXXV  
Donne 'The Sunne Rising', 'Batter My Heart', 'Valediction: Forbidding  
Mourning'  
Milton 'Paradise Lost- Book I'  
Pope 'Rape of the Lock'

Background: Mock epic and satire  
Religious and secular thought in 17<sup>th</sup> century

### Section II: Grammar

Identifying parts of speech in a given sentence/ phrase

Synonyms

Antonyms

Spotting/ rectifying grammatical errors

Sentence Completion

Rearrangement of sentences in a paragraph

Prefix and Suffix

### Section III: Current Readings in English

Fiction of: J.K. Rowling  
Chetan Bhagat  
Amish Tripathi  
Robin Sharma  
Khalid Hosseini  
Paulo Coelho  
Sudha Murthy  
Vikram Chandra  
George R.R. Martin

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