

ELT107 Analysing Prose: Short Fiction and Essays

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

ELT107 Analyzing Prose: Short Fiction and Essays is an introductory university-level course that develops students' skills in reading and analyzing fiction and non-fiction by focusing on the elements of fiction and the essay. The short stories are from a wide range of authors, from the nineteenth century when the modern short story first emerged, to the late twentieth century. Students will study the elements of fiction: plot, characterization, point of view, setting, theme, and style. Students will learn what these elements are, and what effect they have on interpretation. The other half of the course looks at essays that span over four centuries, from the seventeenth century to the late twentieth. The course focuses on the experience, interpretation, and evaluation of an essay, using four major elements: voice, style, structure, and thought.

Topics:

- Introduction to the Essay
- Elements of the Essay: Voice, Style, Structure, Thought
- Focus on the Essay
- Essay Writing Skills
- Introduction to Short Fiction
- Elements of Fiction: Plot, Characterization, Point of View, Setting, Style, Theme
- Focus on Short Fiction
- Essay Writing Skills: Recap

Textbooks:

Paul Headrick.: The Wiley Guide to Writing Essays About Literature. (eText) Wiley Blackwell
ISBN-13: 9781118570883-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Identify the key literary elements of fiction and the essay.
- Interpret the effect of plot, characterisation, point of view, setting, and literary style in fiction.
- Show how voice, literary style, and structure create the meaning of the essay.
- Discuss the treatment of theme in the short story and critical thought in the essay.
- Explain the relevance of the evidence from the texts.
- Write properly structured papers on fiction and non-fiction, with correct citation of sources and presentation of bibliographies.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
QUIZ	20
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	30
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**