

Paper 4401- Polish History & Literature

Total: 100 Marks (70 marks: End Semester Examination; 30 marks: Internal Assessment)

1. The earliest history of Poland as a state.
2. Golden Age of Polish culture.
3. Jan III Sobieski and the battle of Vienna.
4. Poland divided (1772 till the First World War)
5. The Second World War.
6. The way to independence from the Soviet Union (till 1989).
7. The Polish and Indian political Histories.

History of Polish Literature:

8. Positivism and the short stories.
9. Romantic literature and the poems.
10. Tragedy of the young generation during the Second World War – “Kolumbowie”.
11. Literature during the PRP.
12. Contemporary novel.

Literary Biography:

13. A detailed study of at least three writers and their works from the following list: Boleslaw Prus, Jan Slowacki, Adam Mickiewicz, Krzysztof Kamil Baczynski, Gustaw Herling-Grudzinski, Czeslaw Milosz, Zbigniew Herbert, Wislawa Szymborska, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Stanislaw Lem.
14. Literary Works: Two short stories, two poems and some extracts from a novel.

List of Readings:

1. Translations of the poems of Czeslaw Milosz, Zbigniew Herbert and Wislawa Szymborska by Renata Czekalska and Indian poets (bilingual editions: Polish-Hindi).
2. Extracts of literature and materials to be provided by the Polish Section.
3. Janusz Kucharczyk, *Zaczynam mowic po polsku*, Lodz 1999.
4. Władysław Miodunka, *Cześć, jak się masz? – Część I: Spotykamy się w Polsce*, Universitas, Krakow 2005.