



# THE AMERICAN COLLEGE, MADURAI

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## Backlog Arrear Examination, March 2021

ENG /ENS 1454

Survey of Literature in English

Marks: 75

Time: 2 hrs

Attempt an essay on Any FIVE of the following (5x15= 75)

1. Elucidate the social and historical background of Old English Period.
2. Brief out the literary works of any FOUR Middle English poets.
3. Explicit the characteristics and common tendencies of Puritan Age.
4. Argue “Victorian Age is an Era of Novels” with illustrations.
5. Elaborate on major twentieth century Dramatists. ( any four )
6. List down and explain the notions of Transcendentalists.
7. Explain the social history behind the growth of English Literature in Australia.

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## Survey of Literature in English

### Answer Key

1. Social and Historical Background of Old English Period
  - Norman conquest
  - The Hundred Years War
  - Dominance of Latin in Anglo Saxon Language
  - Initiation of English Literature
2. Literary Works of Middle English Poets:
  - Chaucer
  - John Gower
  - John Lydgate
  - John skeleton
3. Common tendency of Puritan Age:
  - Revolution against Catholicism
  - Reform in Religion
  - Simplistic art
  - Rigid morality
  - Influence of Calvinism
4. Victorian Period
  - Definition of Victorian Age
  - Mention of Victorian Age Novelists
  - Illustrations of their works
  - Explanation of abundance of novels .
5. Any Four Dramatists of 20<sup>th</sup> century:
  - Definition of Modern Era.
  - Mention of 20<sup>th</sup> cy Dramatists
  - Mention of their works
  - Mention of their school of thought like Realism , Naturalism, existentialism  
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6. Notions of transcendentalists :
  - Breaking from the conventions of Religion
  - Opposing cruel nature of science
  - Individualism
  - American form of Romanticism

- Influence other continents philosophies.
7. Social history of Australia's English Literature:
- Impact of colonizers
  - Establishment of English as a medium of study
  - Emergence of post colonial or Anti Europe attitude
  - Development and abundance of literary works in English.