

# **BA Reading List - English Literature**

## **1. Medieval and Renaissance English Literature**

Beowulf - modern English translation

G. Chaucer, Canterbury Tales

T. Kyd, The Spanish Tragedy

C. Marlowe, Doctor Faustus

W. Shakespeare, Sonnets

8 plays (Hamlet, King Lear, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night,  
As You Like it, Richard III, The Tempest)

B. Jonson, Volpone, or the Fox

A selection of Renaissance prose and poetry (Wyatt, Surrey, Sidney, Spenser, Lyly, Nash, More, etc.)

J. Donne, Songs and Sonnets

A selection of metaphysical and baroque poetry (Herbert, Crashaw, Marvell and Vaughan)

## **2. English Literature: Restoration and After**

J. Milton, Paradise Lost

W. Congreve, Love for Love (or another Restoration drama by Etherege, Wycherley, Farquhar,  
Vanbrugh, Dryden etc.)

A. Pope, The Rape of the Lock

J. Swift, Gulliver's Travels

D. Defoe, Robinson Crusoe AND Moll Flanders

H. Fielding, Tom Jones

L. Sterne, Tristram Shandy

## **3. English Romanticism**

William Blake, Songs of Innocence, Songs of Experience

William Wordsworth & S. T. Coleridge, Lyrical Ballads,

G.G. Byron, Manfred

P. B. Shelley, Prometheus Unbound

Mary Shelley, Frankenstein

John Keats, Ode to a Grecian Urn, Endymion

#### **4. 19<sup>th</sup> century**

Alfred Lord Tennyson, Charge of the Light Brigade, The Lady of Shalott, In Memoriam, Maud

Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice

Emily Brontë, Wuthering Heights

George Eliot, Middlemarch

R. L. Stevenson, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Thomas Hardy, a selection of poetry

Thomas Hardy, Tess of the d'Urbervilles

Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray

#### **5. 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Joseph Conrad, Heart of Darkness,

E. M. Forster, A Passage to India, Where the Angels Fear to Tread

D. H. Lawrence, Women in Love,

James Joyce, Ulysses, The Dubliners, A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

T. S. Eliot, The Waste Land

Kingsley Amis, Lucky Jim

John Osborne, Look Back in Anger

John Fowles, The French Lieutenant's Woman

J. G. Farrell, The Troubles, The Siege of Krishnapur

Kazuo Ishiguro, The Artist of the Floating World, The Remains of the Day, When We Were Orphans

Ian McEwan, The Cement Garden, Atonement

Graham Swift, Waterland

Martin Amis, Money, London Fields

Salman Rushdie, Shame, Midnight's Children, Shalimar the Clown

Julian Barnes, The Flaubert's Parrot

Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

Philip Larkin, A selection of poetry

Ted Hughes, A selection of poetry