



# Marwadi University

Bachelor of Science

Semester II (w.e.f. Jan, 2018)

Subject Code: 02SL0152 - Subject Credits: 02

Subject Name: English through Fiction

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## Course Description

The course offers fictional projection of science through select science fiction in English. It simultaneously studies vocabulary and syntax, especially, used in the context of science. The course, is thus, designed to enable the students to use English appropriate to the field of science.

## Course Objectives

The course will enable the students

1. to use language and vocabulary in the context of Science-Fiction;
2. to contextualise vocabulary used in their discipline;
3. to cultivate and develop narrative and descriptive skills in English.

## Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will be able

1. to comprehend English used in Science-Fiction
2. to use vocabulary of Science-Fiction adequately
3. to narrate and describe incident, event or experience confidently in English

## Unit 1: Past, Present and Future Tense(s)

1. "Green Patches" by Isaac Asimov
2. "A Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury
3. "Sound Speech" by Octavia Butler

## Recommended Readings/Viewings:

1. Asimov, Isaac. *The Complete Stories Volume I. Doubleday, 1990.*
2. "American Museum of Natural History". *YouTube*, uploaded by AMNH channel Trailer, 25 Oct.2016, <https://www.youtube.com/user/AMNHorg>
3. Bradbury, Ray. "A Sound of Thunder", uploaded by This is the Sound of my Voice, April 12,2016, [www.ws.k12.ny.us/Downloads/A%20Sound%20of%20Thunder.pdf](http://www.ws.k12.ny.us/Downloads/A%20Sound%20of%20Thunder.pdf)



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4. Edward Page Mitchell. *The Tachypompad and Other stories*. Doubleday, 1973, [www.forgottenfutures.com/game/ff9/tachypmp.htm](http://www.forgottenfutures.com/game/ff9/tachypmp.htm)
5. Butler, Octavia. "Sound Speech"  
[www.boblyman.net/englt392/texts/speech\\_sounds.pdf](http://www.boblyman.net/englt392/texts/speech_sounds.pdf)
6. "Vintage Sci-Fi Book Reviews | The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury", uploaded by Winx & Ink, January 18, 2016  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP7zh5\\_yX04](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP7zh5_yX04)

## Unit 2: Contextual Vocabulary

1. "Alien Invasion in the G.L.A.C." by Mohsin Hamid
2. "The Road not Taken" by Harry Turtledove
3. *Frankenstein* (Graphic novel) by Mary Shelley

## Recommended Readings/ Viewings

1. Turtledove, Harry. "The Road not Taken".  
[https://eyeofmidas.com/scifi/Turtledove\\_RoadNotTaken.pdf](https://eyeofmidas.com/scifi/Turtledove_RoadNotTaken.pdf)
2. Wang, Shawn. "Planet Unknown". Uploaded by The CG Bros , , Sep 22, 2016,  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ft2gcUQ\\_yag](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ft2gcUQ_yag)
3. Shelley , Mary, Jason Copley and Brigit Viney .*Frankenstein: The Graphic Novel*, Lucent Books ,2010.
4. "Video Spark Notes: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein summary". *You Tube* uploaded by Sparks Note channel, Oct 13, 2010,  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRppXdKDY\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRppXdKDY_c)
5. "Dinotopia, The World Beneath". *You Tube* uploaded by ZBSF Foundation, Mar 3, 2010  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1xfqZFDSqA&list=PL4AC24389383B97CE>
6. "Mohsin Hamid on the art of writing and the future for the 'West' and the 'East'". *You Tube* uploaded by Booktopia TV, Jul 3, 2015,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Teg4bt1owis>



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## Teaching Scheme

| Teaching Scheme<br>(Hours per week) | Evaluation Scheme |     |    |     |      | Total Marks |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----|-----|------|-------------|-----------|
|                                     | Theory            | ESE | IA | CSE | Viva |             | Term Work |
| 2 Hours                             |                   | 00  | 30 | 20  | 25   | 25          | 100       |

### 1. IA will consist of the following components (30 marks):

**Assignments (20 Marks):** The students will prepare three different assignments. They will submit their assignments during the semester. The assignments would carry 25% of the total marks of the course. The topics for the assignments are as given below:

- I. Assignment 1 (5 Marks): "My Favourite Twenty Sentences" – While studying the course, the students will select and prepare a repository of twenty sentences from the prescribed texts and will submit it. The student has to highlight different elements such as "**Verb**", "**Subject**" and "**Tense**" in each of the selected sentence.
- II. Assignment 2 (10 Marks): "Review of a Story" – The students will write a review of a story prescribed in the syllabus. They will focus on the various aspects such as characterisation, plot and their observations and experiences while reading the story. The students will have to submit the script in audio format.
- III. Assignment 3 (5 Marks): "Story Completion" - The students will have to complete a story based on the prompt. They will submit their stories in the written format.

### In-Class Participation (10 Marks)

2. **CSE (20 marks):** The students will write a term paper on **The Past, The Present and The Future of ... (their respective branch of Science)**. CSE will carry 20% of the total marks of the course.



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3. **Term Work (25 Marks):** The students will make a PowerPoint presentation based on the CSE topics chosen by them at the end of the semester. The term-paper will carry 25% of the total marks of the course.
4. **Viva (25 Marks):** Viva will be conducted at the end of the semester. It will be based on the CSE, Term Work, Assignments and topics covered in the syllabus. Viva will carry 25% of the total marks of the course.