

**ELECTIVE ENGLISH
COURSE NO.EL (ENG)-302:
DRAMA AND LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Unit I: introduction to Drama.

- 1. Plot Construction.**
 - a. Exposition.
 - b. Rising action.
 - c. Climax.

- 2. Characterization.**
 - a. Types.

- 3. Theme.**

- 4. Tragedy.**
 - a. Definition.
 - b. Types.
 - c. Greek Tragedy.
 - d. English Tragedy.
 - e. Difference between English and Greek Tragedy.

- 5. Comedy.**
 - a. Concept of Comedy in Drama.
 - b. Types of Comedy.

Unit II: Shakespeare: Othello.

- 1. Background.**
 - a. Shakespeare and his age.
 - b. Historical background of Othello.
 - c. Shakespeare inspiration of Othello.

- 2. Themes.**
 - a. Psychological manipulation.
 - b. Jealousy.
 - c. Love.
 - d. Racial Prejudice.

- 3. Characters.**
 - a. Othello as a tragic hero with hamartia.
 - b. Villainous role of Iago.
 - c. Desdemona, a victim of love and jealousy.

- 4. Plot and story.**
 - a. Othello as a Tragedy.
 - b. Use of soliloquy.
 - c. The temptation scene.
 - d. Setting, scenes and Characterization.

Unit III: Ben Jonson: Volpone.

1. Background.

- a. Johnson and his age.
- b. General background overview of Volpone.
- c. Act and scene wise summary.

2. Plot.

- a. The beginning.
- b. The Conflict.
- c. The falling action.
- d. The resolution.
- e. Unity of action time and place.

3. Themes.

- a. Satire against avarice.
- b. parasitism.
- c. Animalia fable.

4. Characters.

- a. Volpone as the fox.
- b. Mosca the parasite.
- c. The three legacy hunter:
 - Voltore the Vulture.
 - Corbaccio the Crow.
 - Corvino the raven.

Unit IV: Webster; The White Devil.

1. Background.

- a. Webster and his age.
- b. General background of the Play.
- c. Historical background of the play.

2. Plot.

- a. Synopsis.
- b. Act and scene wise.
- c. Tragedy in five acts.
- d. The White Devil: meaning of the title.

3. Themes.

- a. Revenge tragedy.
- b. Appearance.
- c. Female virtue and misogyny.

4. Characters.

- a. Vittoria Corombona.
- b. Bracciano.
- c. Flamineo.

Unit V: Journalist report writing.

1. Features.
2. Styles.
3. Types.
4. Examples.