

**OKRUHY K ZÁVĚREČNÉ ZKOUŠCE**  
**Rozšiřující studium**  
**Anglický jazyk – učitelství pro základní školy**  
**(2,5-leté studium)**

**Literatura anglicky mluvících zemí**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- General knowledge of literary history.
- Brief outline of the development of children's literature.
- Understanding of the historical, social and political development of English speaking countries, as reflected in the writing of the period.
- Students will submit a reading list

Students are expected to give a survey of the periods and genres listed below.

Students are expected to show deeper understanding of the topics covered in the literature and background study courses and they should be able to illustrate their answers by examples from their reading.

**Each topic should be represented at least by one title on the reading list; the reading list should include minimally 30 titles.** Students are allowed to consult their reading journals during the twenty-minute preparation for the exam.

**EXAMINATION TOPICS**

*English Literature*

**1) Elizabethan Theatre:** William Shakespeare

**2) Britain in the 18th-century and its literature**

**The development of the novel:** D. Defoe, J. Swift, S. Richardson, H. Fielding, L. Sterne  
Other writers of your choice

**3) 19th-century poetry**

**Romantic poetry:** W. Blake, R. Burns, W. Wordsworth, S.T. Coleridge, Lord Byron, P.B. Shelley, J. Keats

Other writers of your choice

**4) The Victorian Era, its values and problems**

**19th-century novelists:** J. Austen, W. Scott, Ch. Dickens, Ch. Brontë, E. Brontë, George Eliot, W. Thackeray

Other writers of your choice

**5) Changes in Britain at the turn of the century**

**Late Victorian and Edwardian novel:** T. Hardy, O. Wilde,

**Colonial themes:** R. Kipling, J. Conrad, E.M. Forster

Other writers of your choice

**6) Britain at the beginning of the 20th century and the Irish question**

**Modernism:** J. Joyce, J. Conrad, V. Woolf, K. Mansfield, D.H. Lawrence  
Poetry: T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats  
Other writers of your choice

**7) Britain between the wars, the decline of the Empire and its reasons**

**Novel:** G. Greene, E. Waugh, E. Bowen, A. Powell, A. Huxley, G. Orwell  
Other writers of your choice

**8) Post-war Britain and its novelists** (this topic should be based on your reading experience).

Angry Young Men (K. Amis, J. Braine, A. Sillitoe...)  
W. Golding, L. Durrell, M. Spark, I. Murdoch, D. Lessing, C. P. Snow,  
University novel: M. Bradbury, D. Lodge

**Postmodern literature and postcolonial literature:**

M. Amis, I. McEwan, J. Boyd, K. Ishiguro, V.S. Naipaul, S. Rushdie, A. Levy  
M. Spark, A. Carter, J. Winterson, A. Brookner  
Other writers of your choice

**9) 20th-century drama:**

O. Wilde, G.B. Shaw, S. O'Casey, J.M. Synge  
*After World War II:* J. Osborne, A. Wesker, P. Shaffer, A. Ayckbourn, T. Stoppard  
*The Theatre of the Absurd:* S. Beckett, H. Pinter  
Other writers of your choice

***American Literature***

**1) American Renaissance and Explorations of “American” Self, Transcendentalism.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau

**2) The Birth of Modern Poetry**

E.A. Poe, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson

**3) E. A. Poe – the representative of the Dark Romanticism**

**Flowering of narrative** (N. Hawthorne and H. Melville)

**4) Realism and regionalism, national voices in the Post Civil War Era of Reconstruction**

Mark Twain, Bret Harte, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sherwood Anderson, Willa Cather, Luisa May Alcott  
Other writers of your choice

**5) Naturalism in American fiction (relevance to socio-political issues of the era)**

Stephen Crane, Theodore Dreiser, Jack London, Frank Norris, Sinclair Lewis, John Steinbeck, Pearl, S. Buck, Erskine Caldwell  
Other writers of your choice

**6) Writers of the Twenties and Thirties**

*Lost Generation:* Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway.  
John Dos Passos, John Steinbeck, Thomas Wolfe, Henry Miller  
*Southern writers:* William Faulkner, Eudora Welty

Other writers of your choice

### **7) The Twentieth-Century. African American writers**

W.E.B. DuBois, Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, James Baldwin, Alice Walker, Toni Morrison.

Other writers of your choice

### **8) Contemporary American fiction and drama**

This topic is based on your own reading experience. Be ready to discuss the contemporary writers from your reading list. Focus on 2 – 3 authors and set their works in the cultural and historical contexts.

(J.D. Salinger, Norman Mailer, John Irving, John Cheever, John Updike, Joyce Carol Oates, William Styron, Kurt Vonnegut, E.L. Doctorow; Jewish-American Writers: Saul Bellow, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Bernard Malamud, Philip Roth etc.).

*American Theatre*

Eugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller,  
The Theatre of the Absurd - Edward Albee

### ***Children's literature***

#### **1) Puritan influences on the writing for children. Victorian fantasy**

Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies*, L. Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, George MacDonald

Other writers of your choice

#### **2) Literature for boys and girls: adventure stories, domestic fiction**

R.L. Stevenson, R.M. Ballantyne, Luisa M. Alcott

Folk tales and rhymes: Mother Goose. Literary fairy tales: Oscar Wilde

*Animal stories, fables, animals in poetry*

A. Sewell's *Black Beauty*, R. Kipling, Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willow*, Doctor Dolittle books by Hugh Lofting, Beatrix Potter

Other writers of your choice

#### **3) 20th century fantasy**

Edith Nesbit, J.M. Barrie, Enid Blyton, Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Hugh Lofting (*Doctor Dolittle*), C.S. Lewis's series of *Narnia*, Philippa Pearce, Mary Norton, Ted Hughes, J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* (this topic should be based on your reading experience).

### **Recommended reading:**

- BARNARD, R. *Stručné dějiny anglické literatury*, Brána, Praha, 1997
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- *The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature*, Oxford: OUP 1991.
- PECK, A.; PECK, E. *Americká literatura*. Dubicko: Infoa, 2002.
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