

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course for Science

Semester 1

Paper: 1 Credits: 3

This course aims at enhancing the English language proficiency of Undergraduate students in Humanities, Science and Commerce streams to prepare them for the academic, social and professional expectations during and after the course. The course will help develop academic and social English competencies in speaking, listening, pronunciation, reading and writing, grammar and usage, vocabulary, syntax, and rhetorical patterns.

Students, at the end of the course, should be able to use English appropriately and effectively for further studies or for work where English is used as the language of communication.

Unit 1

Reading comprehension (15)

- Locate and remember the most important points in the reading
- Interpret and evaluate events, ideas and information
- Read “between the lines” to understand underlying meanings
- Connect information to what they already know

Unit 2 (15)

Writing

1. Expanding an idea
2. Creative writing
3. Elements of story writing
4. Precis writing
5. Report Writing
 - a. Newspaper report
 - b. Business report
6. Writing letters
 - a. Business letter
 - b. Letter to the editor
 - c. Covering letter
7. CV and Resume writing
8. Writing formal Email

Unit 3

Language functions in listening and conversation (06)

1. Discussion on a given topic in pairs
2. Speaking on a given topic individually

Grammar Usage (14)

1. Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences
2. Noun Clause

3. Adjective Clause
4. Adverb Clause
5. Conditionals
6. Phrasal verbs
7. Using modals
8. Use of passives
9. Use of prepositions
10. Subject-verb agreement

Books prescribed

- *Silence! The Court is in Session* -Vijay Tendulkar
- *Vistas and Visions : An Anthology of Prose and Poetry*. (Ed.) Kalyani Samantray, Himansu S. Mohapatra, Jatindra K. Nayak, Gopa Ranjan Mishra, Arun Kuamr Mohanty. OBS

Texts to be studied

Prose

- Pleasures of Ignorance
- A Lesson My Father Taught Me
- The Need for Excellence
- Playing the English gentleman

Poetry

- Lover's Infiniteness
- Last Sonnet
- The Felling of the Banyan Tree

Examination pattern

Mid-term test: 10 marks

End-term examination:

- Unit 1: Reading (3 prose and 2 poetry questions from passages selected from the anthology and two questions from the play)
2x5qns. = 10 marks (Anthology)
2.5x2qns. = 5 marks (Play)
- Unit 2 : Writing
5x3 qns. = 15 marks
- Unit 3 : Grammar
1x10 qns. = 10 marks

