

T. Y. B. A.
Compulsory English

(CC-Core Course- 03 Credit)

Rationale:

The present course is a core course and it basically consists of two components: the literature component and the skills component. The literature component includes some of the best samples of English short stories, essays and poems written by writers of different nationalities (British, American, Indian etc.) This cultural mix is deliberate. We are living in a globalized world and our students need to have at least a cursory acquaintance with different cultures in the outside world. This is particularly important in a pluralistic society like ours. The core course is a part of the humanities. It aims at contributing to the linguistic and communicative abilities of the students. At the same time it also aims at fostering humanitarian attitude in our students and make them better human beings. Our prose and poetry selections in the literature part of the syllabus take care of these humanistic and aesthetic considerations.

The skills component of the syllabus includes language skills (i.e. grammar part and writing skills), soft skills and employability skills. All these are necessary in the contemporary world to make our students confident and enable them to face the real life challenges successfully. The core course is essentially a language course. Linguistic competence is absolutely necessary for achieving success in almost all the fields of life. Hence we have concentrated on some important aspects of grammar. There are certain writing skills and communicative skills required in all work environments today. These have also been included in the syllabus. Some soft skills and employability skills are necessary from the viewpoint of the employer as well as the employee for his own career advancement. In fact no employee can survive without these skills in the modern day work place. We have kept all these practical considerations in mind while preparing the present syllabus. It is thus a composite course focusing on human values and useful, practical skills.

Objectives:

- a) To familiarize students with some excellent pieces of prose and poetry in English so that they realize the beauty and communicative power of English.
- b) To enable students to become competent and effective users of English in real life situations.
- c) To contribute to the overall personality development of the students.
- d) To instill humanitarian values and foster sympathetic attitude in the students.
- e) To train the students in practical writing skills required in work environment.
- f) To impart knowledge of some essential soft skills to enhance their employability.

***Each** semester shall have 3 credits for teaching. Each credit is equal to 15 hours, so this course shall have 45 teaching hours. In addition to that there shall be 03 hours allotted to internal evaluation. **(3x15=45+3=48).**

***Considering** the choice-based credit system (CBCS) and the semester pattern, both Semesters-V & VI will have a uniform evaluation pattern of 100 marks each. There will be an 'Internal Examination' for 30 marks and 'Semester-end Examination' for 70 marks.

***The Internal** Examination for 30 marks will be conducted at college level.

- a) Assignment/group discussion/tutorial/seminar/oral/project for 10 marks
- b) A Mid-semester Written Test for 20 marks

SEMESTER-V

Prescribed Text: *Exploring New Horizons* (Ed-Board of Editors- Orient BlackSwan)

Unit-I- Prose (12 Clock Hours)

1. The Phantom Luncheon – Saki
2. Function of Education –J. Krishnamurti
3. God sees the Truth but Waits – Leo Tolstoy

Unit-II- Poetry (12 Clock Hours)

1. The Neutral Tones – Thomas Hardy
2. Strange Meeting – Wilfred Owen
3. Have you got a brook in your little heart – Emily Dickinson

Unit-III- Grammar (08 Clock Hours)

1. Adverbs and their types (manner, place, time, frequency etc.)
2. Synthesis of sentences by using participles, infinitives, adverbials etc.)
3. Types of Sentences according to function: Declaratives, Interrogatives, Imperatives

Unit-IV- Writing (08 Clock Hours)

1. Paragraph Writing
2. Note-making and Note-taking
3. Reference Skills (Using dictionaries/thesaurus/encyclopedias/year books/table of contents/indices etc)

Unit-V- Soft Skills and Employability Skills (05 Clock Hours)

1. Body Language/Non-verbal Communication
2. Tips for Effective Communication
3. Telephone Skills
4. Teleconferences

