

1.1 ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS – I

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RATIONALE

Language as the most commonly used medium of self-expression remains indispensable in all spheres of human life –personal, social and professional. This course is intended to break fresh ground in teaching of Communicative English as per the requirements of National Skill Quality Framework. This course is designed to help students to acquire the concept of communication and develop an ability or skills to use them effectively to communicate with the individuals and community.

COURSE OUTCOMES

After undergoing this course, the students will be able to:

CO1: Identify the nuances of Communication, both Oral and Written.

CO2: Acquire knowledge of the meaning of communication, communication process and Speaking skills.

CO3: Acquire enhanced vocabulary and in-depth understanding of Grammatical Structures and their usage in the communication.

CO4: Communicate effectively with an increased confidence to read, write and speak in English language fluently.

DETAILED CONTENTS

UNIT I

Reading

- 1.1 Techniques of reading: Skimming and Scanning
- 1.2 Extensive and Intensive Reading: Textual Study
- 1.3 Homecoming – R.N. Tagore
- 1.4 Life Sketch of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvarayya
- 1.5 Life Sketch of Dr. Abdul Kalam
- 1.6 Narayan Murthy's speech at LBSNA, Dehradun

UNIT II**Fundamentals of Communication**

- 2.1 Concept and Process of Communication,
- 2.2 Types of Communication (Verbal Communication)
- 2.3 Barriers to Communication
- 2.4 Speaking Skill: Significance and essentials of Spoken Communication
- 2.5 Listening Skill: Significance and essentials of Listening

UNIT III**Grammar and Usage**

- 3.1 Nouns
- 3.2 Pronouns
- 3.3 Articles
- 3.4 Verbs(Main and Auxiliary)
- 3.5 Tenses

UNIT IV**Writing Skills**

- 4.1 Significance, essentials and effectiveness of Written Communication
- 4.2 Notice Writing
- 4.3 Official Letters and E-mails.
- 4.4 Frequently-used Abbreviations used in Letter-Writing
- 4.5 Paragraph Writing
- 4.6 Netiquettes

PRACTICAL EXERCISES**1 Reading**

Reading Practice of lessons in the Lab Activity classes.

- i. Comprehension exercises of unseen passages along with the lessons prescribed.
- ii. Vocabulary enrichment and grammar exercises based on the selected readings.
- iii. Reading aloud Newspaper headlines and important articles.

2 Fundamentals of Communication

- i. Introducing oneself, others and leave- taking(talking about yourself)
- ii. Just a minute (JAM) sessions: Speaking extempore for one minute on given topics

- iii. Situational Conversation: Offering-Responding to offers; Congratulating; Apologising and Forgiving; Complaining; Talking about likes and dislikes, Self-introduction Mock Interviews.

3 Grammar and Usage

- i. Written and Oral Drills will be undertaken in the class to facilitate holistic linguistic competency among learners.
- ii. Exercises on the prescribed grammar topics.

4 Writing Skills

- i. Students should be given Written Practice in groups so as to inculcate team-spirit and collaborative learning .
- ii. Group exercises on writing paragraphs on given topics.
- iii. Opening an e-mail account, receiving and sending emails

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. Alvinder Dhillon and Parmod Kumar Singla, “Text Book of English and Communication Skills Vol – 2”, M/S Abhishek Publications, Chandigarh.
2. V Sasikumar & PV Dhamija, “Spoken English”, Tata MC Graw Hills, New Delhi, Second Edition.
3. JK Gangal, “A Practical Course in Spoken English”, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
4. NK Aggarwal and FT Wood, “English Grammar, Composition and Usage”, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi.
5. RC Sharma and Krishna Mohan, “Business Correspondence & Report writing”, Tata MC Graw Hills, New Delhi, Fourth Edition.
6. Kavita Tyagi & Padma Misra, “Professional Communication”, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
7. Nira Konar, “Communication Skills for professionals”, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
8. Krishna Mohan & Meera Banerji, “Developing Communication Skills”, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi, Second Edition
9. M. Ashraf Rizwi, “Effective Technical Communication”, Tata MC Graw Hills, New Delhi.
10. Andrea J Rutherford, “Basic Communication Skills for Technology”, Pearson Education, New Delhi.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY

This is practice based subject and topics taught in the class should be practiced in the Lab regularly for development of required communication skills in the students. This subject contains four units of equal weight age.