

ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)

Credits: 02+02+ 04 credits = 08 credits

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses offered:

COURSE CODE: 10310

AECC 1: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (SEMESTER 1)

CREDITS ASSIGNED: 2 CREDITS

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theory, fundamentals and tools of communication and to develop in them vital communication skills which should be integral to personal, social and professional interactions. One of the critical links among human beings and an important thread that binds society together is the ability to share thoughts, emotions and ideas through various means of communication: both verbal and non-verbal. In the context of rapid globalization and increasing recognition of social and cultural pluralities, the significance of clear and effective communication has substantially enhanced. The present course hopes to address some of these aspects through an interactive mode of teaching-learning process and by focusing on various dimensions of communication skills. Some of these are: Language of communication, various speaking skills such as personal communication, social interactions and communication in professional situations such as interviews, group discussions and office environments, important reading skills as well as writing skills such as report writing, note-taking etc. While, to an extent, the art of communication is natural to all living beings, in today's world of complexities, it has also acquired some elements of science.

UNIT I

COMMUNICATION: THEORY AND TYPES

Theory of Communication, Types and modes of Communication

Verbal and Non-verbal

(Spoken and Written)

Barriers and Strategies

Inter-personal and Group communication

UNIT II

SPEAKING SKILLS:

Dialogue

Group Discussion

Effective Communication/ Mis- Communication

Interview

UNIT III

READING AND UNDERSTANDING

Close Reading
Comprehension
Summary
Paraphrasing
Analysis and Interpretation

UNIT IV

WRITING SKILLS:

Documenting
Report Writing
Making notes
Letter writing

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

Midterm test [10 marks]

Writing : 1 question 04 x 01qn= 04 marks
Speaking: 2 questions 03x02 qns = 06 marks
Total 10 marks

Final Semester Examination

Unit 1: 02 questions 02x 05 qns= 10 marks
Unit 2: 02 questions 02 x 05 qns= 10 marks
Unit 3: 02 questions 02 x 5 qns= 10 marks
Unit 4: 02 questions 02 x 5 qns= 10 marks

40 marks Total

EXPECTED LEARNER'S OUTCOME

It is hoped that after studying this course, students will find a difference in their personal and professional interactions. The recommended readings given at the end are only suggestive; the students and teachers have the freedom to consult other materials on various units/topics given below. Similarly, the questions in the examination will be aimed towards assessing the skills learnt by the students rather than the textual content of the recommended books.

PRESCRIBED TEXT:

***Interact*, Cambridge University Press, 2019.**

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

1. *Fluency in English - Part II*, Oxford University Press, 2006.
2. *Business English*, Pearson, 2008.
3. *Language, Literature and Creativity*, Orient Blackswan, 2013.
4. *Enrich Your English*, OUP, SR Inthira and V. Saraswathi, CIEFL, 1997
5. *Oxford A-Z of English Usage*, ed. Jeremy Butterfield, OUP, 2007.
6. *Longman Dictionary of Common Errors*, N.D. Turton and J.B. Heaton, Longman, 1998.