

Introduction to the Course

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So Hello Welcome To The First Lecture For Technical English For Engineers This Is Your Introduction I Am Your Faculty Here Aisha Ibal Vishmohan I Work In The Department Of Humanities And Social Sciences Ah So This Course Is A 20 Hour Course Where You Will Learn The Four Skills Of L S R W L S R W That Is Listening Speaking Reading And Writing Along With Plenty Of Grammar And Vocabulary As The Title Of The Course Suggests This Is A Course Essentially Meant For Those Studying Or Working In The Area Of Science And Technology Let Me Again Reiter Let Me Reiterate Here This Is An Undergraduate Course So It Is Not Really Meant For Those Who Are Pursuing Let Us Say Phds In English This Is Not A Theoretical Course The It The Course Gives You Sort Of A An Entry Point Into Learning The Nuances Of Communication Let Me Also Tell You This Is Not A Soft Skills Course The Course Is What It Up Exactly What It Appears Here It Is Going To Focus On The Four Communicative Skills And The Course Is Basically Geared Towards Improving The Communicative Skills Of Those Working And Studying In The Area Of Science And Technology Having Said That Those Who Want To Improve Their Overall Communication Skills May Also Find It Useful I Am Sure People Who Are Not Necessarily Teaching Or Working In The Area Of Science And Technology In Those Kinds Of Domain They May Also Find It Useful Because The Course Will Definitely Tell You Something About The Essentials Of The Skills Along With Grammar What Are The Common Pitfalls Areas Of Pitfalls And Also Plenty Of Vocabulary If Ah Those Of You Who Are Watching This Lecture If You Are Interested In This Kind Of Area And If You Are Interested In This Domain Then The Course Is Definitely Meant For You Let Me Give You A Very Brief Overview Of The Course Contents Now Ah The Course Contents Include Listening That Is Your L Now You Will Be Given Plenty Of Listening Exercises Listening Exercises Include Description Of People Anecdotes Short Stories And Processes You Will Be Exposed To Listening For Gist Listening For Details And Inferring Meaning From Context It Is Important That While Listening To The Text That I Will Be Reading Out And Most Of These Steps Please Note Would Be In The Area Of Science And Technology Even The Short Stories That I Am Going To Ah Discuss Or Do As Part Of Your Activities They Too Are Based On Science And Technology Because This Is What The Course Is All About So Please Make No Mistakes About The Content

Of The Course And I Would Suggest That While Listening It Is Important That You Make Notes And Also Listen For Keywords Now This Is A Short Term Course 20 Hours Only So I May Not Be Able To Repeat It That Make Notes Ah Listen For The Key Words So Remember This Is Not Just An Introductory Class For You Ok Please Take It As Some Of The Useful Tips That Are Going To Be Of Great Advantage Great Benefit As You Do The Exercises Ok Remember Always To Make Notes Take Down Notes And Certain Keywords While Listening To Exercises And Passages Um Now Move On Moving On To Speaking You Will Be Given Tips On Making Formal Presentations Of Course This Being An Online Course I Cannot Actually Make You Practice Speaking Okay But I Will Always Give You Certain Topics That You Can Discuss Between Friends If You Are Doing This Course Along With A Group Of Students A Group Of Friends Please Sit With Them And Discuss And Practice Your Speaking I Will Always Give You Some Relevant Topics So You Will Be Given Tips On Making Formal Presentations Also You Will Be Given Tips On Correct Pronunciation Including Elements Of Stress Rhythm Pace And The Importance Of Pause We Will Also Include Some Information About Group Discussion That Will Come At A Slightly Later Stage We Will Be Having Plenty Of Reading We Know That As Ah Technologists Scientists You Need To Read Various Kinds Of Texts Compositions Books Etcetera So This Is It Is Very Important That You Familiarize Yourself With A Wide Range Of Reading Text And You Know How To Read And How To Look For Information Reading Will Include The Skills Of Skimming These Are The Sub Skills Of Reading So Skimming Scanning Predicting And I Am Going To Tell You And Work On These Things In Detail As We Go Deep Into The Course Right Now Please Make A Note What Are The Things We Are Going To Do We Will Be Doing Skimming Scanning Predicting Identifying Keywords And Main Ideas Making Inferences Also Note Taking Ah Etcetera But All Those Are Part Of Your Reading Skills Reading Passages Themselves Are Designed To Develop These Skills And Are Adapted From Various Authentic Sources I Will Always Give The Link The Source From Where I Have Taken A Particular Passage These Are All Authentic Sources Coming To This Major Skill Writing We Will Be Starting With Definitions Definitions Of What Scientific Concepts Concept That You May Need On Ah On A Day To Day Basis Ok We Will Be Talking About Describing Processes Describing Experiments We Will Start With Short Paragraphs We Will Move On To Longer Essays We Will Also Talk About Informal As Well As Formal Letters Emails And Very Importantly There Will Be Discussion On Report Writing At Some Stage We Will Also Talk About Writing A

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Is A Very Useful Resource For People Who Want To Do Self Learning So It Is Basically Written As A Self Study Book With Plenty Of Explanations Plenty Of Exercises And Answers Given At The Back At The End Of The Book This Book Can Also Be Used In Classroom Situations Along With Other Students With The Help Of Your Teacher The Book Is Extremely Accessible It Has A Wide Range Of Topics And Activities Here Is Another Book Very Useful Book Please Take A Look Essential Grammars In Use By Raymond Murphy You Can Always Supplement The First Book With This One Here Is The Title Of A Book That May Help You In Learning Spoken English Better Spoken English Better Spoken English Is A Very Practical Document It Demonstrates How To Improve The Spoken English Of Indian Students It Gives An In-Depth Understanding About The Rate Of Speech Rhythm Stress Intonation Etc The Core Philosophy Here Is To Make Non-Native Speakers More Intelligible And Understandable So You Will Learn When We Use The Right Stress And Intonation On Words Ah And In Also While Speaking In Sentences And Paragraphs We Make Ourselves More Intelligible To The Listeners So That's The Purpose Of Better Spoken English Again Look At This Book Better English Pronunciation By J.d Connor Book Provides A Thorough Introduction To The Pronunciation Of English To Help Intermediate And More Advanced Students To Improve Pronunciation It Has Lots Of Things Such As Phonetic Symbols Etcetera Some Of You Who Have Already Done A Little Bit Of Phonetics And You Understand The Symbols You Will Enjoy The Book Immensely Here Is A Book Which Is A Text Book Essentially English For Technical Communication And This Book Contains Materials Basically To Meet The Needs Of Undergraduate Students Of Technical Institutes Ah It Comes Along With A Cd For Developing Your Listening Comprehension There Are Plenty Of Web Resources Also As We Move Ah Deeper Into The Course As We Go Deeper Into The Course I Will Be Giving You Some Ah Very Essential Web Resources Also Periodically So It Would Do You Well It Would Serve You Well If You Please Keep Looking At This Remember Entire Purpose Of The Course Is To Make You More Interested In Developing Your Communication Skills Please Remember That This Course Aspires To Give You An Entry Point It Also Aspires To Give You An Overview Of Certain Skills How To Develop Certain Skills However Is You Who Should Be Able To Help Yourself In The Longer Run So Coming To The Evaluation Part Of The Course There Will Be Assignments We Will Be Uploading Assignments Periodically Based On The Weeks Lectures Every Week You May Expect Two And Half To Three Hours Of Lectures And After That There Will Be Assignments If Not Immediately Then Maybe At A Later

Stage Based On Um Those Particular Weeks So Ah The Aim Is To Test You On Practically Every Module Of This Course And Finally We Will Have An End Semester Exam Ah Essentially You Can Expect Mcq Types Of Questions So There Won't Be Essay Type Questions There So Thank You Very Much I Hope You Enjoy The Course And You Learn A Lot From The Course
