

English for BA/ B Com under CBCS

Cluster University, Srinagar, (2018)

Semester 2

(2 Credit Course)

Unit 1

1. Selections from *Modern Indian Literature: Poems and Short Stories*

- Prem Chand: 'The Holy Panchayat'
- Nissim Ezekiel: 'Enterprise'
- Ambai: 'Squirrel'

Unit 2

2. Speaking Skills:

- Conversation and its Types: Chat, Parley, tête-à-tête, Colloquy, Communion and Dialogue (Situational Dialogue).
- Strategies for effective Conversation: Conversation Starters, Conversation Closers, Involving Everyone/ Cajolers, Interest Arousal, Backchannels, Development of Ideas, and Appropriate use of Language.
- Group Discussions: Speaking in Group Discussions, Discussing Problems and Solutions, Creating a Cordial and Cooperative Atmosphere, Using Persuasive Strategies, Fumbles, Being Polite and Firm, Turn-Taking Strategies, and Effective Intervention.

Unit 3

3. Reading:

- Techniques of Reading: Skimming, Scanning, Intensive and Extensive Reading.
- Effective Reading Strategy: Note-making.

Tutorial:

- *You and your friends are going out for dinner. Some of you need to pool your car with one another and meet at a point before going to visit a popular food-joint in a city. Develop a **dialogue** in which conversations related to meeting, ordering food and leaving the place are involved.*
- *Enlist dos and don'ts of **Group Discussion**.*
- *Make an intensive reading of 'Squirrel' and jot down precise and clear **notes** which would help you to navigate through the major concerns of the story.*

Books Recommended:

- *Modern Indian Literature: Poems and Short Stories.* New Delhi: OUP.
- *Technical Communication: Principles and Practice.* Edited by Meenakshi Raman and Sangeeta Sharma, OUP.