

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal
(Formerly West Bengal University of Technology)
1st Year Curriculum Structure for B.Tech courses in Engineering & Technology
(Applicable from the academic session 2018-2019)

Course Code : HM-HU201	Category : Humanities and Social Sciences including Management courses
Course Title : English	Semester : Second
L-T-P : 2-0-0	Credit:2
Pre-Requisites:	

Detailed contents

1. Vocabulary Building

- 1.1 The concept of Word Formation
- 1.2 Root words from foreign languages and their use in English
- 1.3 Acquaintance with prefixes and suffixes from foreign languages in English to form derivatives.
- 1.4 Synonyms, antonyms, and standard abbreviations.

2. Basic Writing Skills

- 2.1 Sentence Structures
- 2.2 Use of phrases and clauses in sentences
- 2.3 Importance of proper punctuation
- 2.4 Creating coherence
- 2.5 Organizing principles of paragraphs in documents
- 2.6 Techniques for writing precisely

3. Identifying Common Errors in Writing

- 3.1 Subject-verb agreement
- 3.2 Noun-pronoun agreement
- 3.3 Misplaced modifiers
- 3.4 Articles
- 3.5 Prepositions
- 3.6 Redundancies
- 3.7 Clichés

4. Nature and Style of sensible Writing

- 4.1 Describing
- 4.2 Defining
- 4.3 Classifying
- 4.4 Providing examples or evidence
- 4.5 Writing introduction and conclusion

5. Writing Practices

5.1 Comprehension

5.2 Précis Writing

5.3 Essay Writing

6. Oral Communication

(This unit involves interactive practice sessions in Language Lab)

- Listening Comprehension
- Pronunciation, Intonation, Stress and Rhythm
- Common Everyday Situations: Conversations and Dialogues
- Communication at Workplace
- Interviews
- Formal Presentations

Learning Resources:

- (i) Practical English Usage. Michael Swan. OUP. 1995.
- (ii) Remedial English Grammar. F.T. Wood. Macmillan. 2007
- (iii) On Writing Well. William Zinsser. Harper Resource Book. 2001
- (iv) Study Writing. Liz Hamp-Lyons and Ben Heasley. Cambridge University Press. 2006.
- (v) Communication Skills. Sanjay Kumar and PushpLata. Oxford University Press. 2011.
- (vi) Exercises in Spoken English. Parts. I-III. CIEFL, Hyderabad. Oxford University Press
- (vii) Kulbushan Kumar, R S Salaria, Effective Communication Skills, Khanna Publishing House, Delhi.

Course Outcomes

The student will acquire basic proficiency in English including reading and listening comprehension, writing and speaking skills.