

**(20A52101T) COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH**  
(Common to All Branches of Engineering)

**Course Objectives**

- Facilitate effective listening skills for better comprehension of academic lectures and English spoken by native speakers
- Focus on appropriate reading strategies for comprehension of various academic texts and authentic materials
- Help improve speaking skills through participation in activities such as role plays, discussions and structured talks/oral presentations
- Impart effective strategies for good writing and demonstrate the same in summarizing, writing well organized essays, record and report useful information
- Provide knowledge of grammatical structures and vocabulary and encourage their appropriate use in speech and writing

**UNIT -1**

**Lesson: On the Conduct of Life: William Hazlitt**

**Listening:** Identifying the topic, the context and specific pieces of information by listening to short audio texts and answering a series of questions. **Speaking:** Asking and answering general questions on familiar topics such as home, family, work, studies and interests; introducing oneself and others.

**Reading:** Skimming to get the main idea of a text; scanning to look for specific pieces of information.

**Reading for Writing :** Beginnings and endings of paragraphs - introducing the topic, summarizing the main idea and/or providing a transition to the next paragraph. **Grammar and Vocabulary:** Parts of Speech, Content words and function words; word forms: verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs; nouns: countable and uncountable; singular and plural; basic sentence structures; simple question form - wh-questions; word order in sentences.

**Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the module, the learners will be able to

- Understand social or transactional dialogues spoken by native speakers of English and identify the context, topic, and pieces of specific information
- Ask and answer general questions on familiar topics and introduce oneself/others
- Employ suitable strategies for skimming and scanning to get the general idea of a text and locate specific information
- Recognize paragraph structure and be able to match beginnings/endings/headings with paragraphs
- Form sentences using proper grammatical structures and correct word forms

**UNIT -2**

**Lesson: The Brook: Alfred Tennyson**

**Listening:** Answering a series of questions about main idea and supporting ideas after listening to audio texts. **Speaking:** Discussion in pairs/small groups on specific topics followed by short structured talks. **Reading:** Identifying sequence of ideas; recognizing verbal techniques that help to link the ideas

in a paragraph together. **Writing:** Paragraph writing (specific topics) using suitable cohesive devices; mechanics of writing - punctuation, capital letters. **Grammar and Vocabulary:** Cohesive devices - linkers, sign posts and transition signals; use of articles and zero article; prepositions.

### Learning Outcomes

At the end of the module, the learners will be able to

- Comprehend short talks on general topics
- Participate in informal discussions and speak clearly on a specific topic using suitable discourse markers
- Understand the use of cohesive devices for better reading comprehension
- Write well structured paragraphs on specific topics
- Identify basic errors of grammar/ usage and make necessary corrections in short texts

## UNIT -3

### Lesson: The Death Trap: Saki

**Listening:** Listening for global comprehension and summarizing what is listened to. **Speaking:** Discussing specific topics in pairs or small groups and reporting what is discussed **Reading:** Reading a text in detail by making basic inferences -recognizing and interpreting specific context clues; strategies to use text clues for comprehension. **Writing:** Summarizing, Paragraph Writing **Grammar and Vocabulary:** Verbs - tenses; subject-verb agreement; direct and indirect speech, reporting verbs for academic purposes.

### Learning Outcomes

At the end of the module, the learners will be able to

- Comprehend short talks and summarize the content with clarity and precision
- Participate in informal discussions and report what is discussed
- Infer meanings of unfamiliar words using contextual clues
- Write summaries based on global comprehension of reading/listening texts
- Use correct tense forms, appropriate structures and a range of reporting verbs in speech and writing

## UNIT-4

### Lesson: Innovation: Muhammad Yunus

**Listening:** Making predictions while listening to conversations/ transactional dialogues without video; listening with video. **Speaking:** Role plays for practice of conversational English in academic contexts (formal and informal) - asking for and giving information/directions. **Reading:** Studying the use of graphic elements in texts to convey information, reveal trends/patterns/relationships, communicate processes or display complicated data. **Writing:** Letter Writing: Official Letters/Report Writing **Grammar and Vocabulary:** Quantifying expressions - adjectives and adverbs; comparing and contrasting; Voice - Active & Passive Voice

## **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the module, the learners will be able to

- Infer and predict about content of spoken discourse
- Understand verbal and non-verbal features of communication and hold formal/informal conversations
- Interpret graphic elements used in academic texts
- Produce a coherent paragraph interpreting a figure/graph/chart/table
- Use language appropriate for description and interpretation of graphical elements

## **UNIT -5**

### **Lesson: Politics and the English Language: George Orwell**

Listening: Identifying key terms, understanding concepts and answering a series of relevant questions that test comprehension. Speaking: Formal oral presentations on topics from academic contexts - without the use of PPT slides. Reading: Reading for comprehension. Writing: Writing structured essays on specific topics using suitable claims and evidences. Grammar and Vocabulary: Editing short texts –identifying and correcting common errors in grammar and usage (articles, prepositions, tenses, subject verb agreement)

## **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the module, the learners will be able to

- Take notes while listening to a talk/lecture and make use of them to answer questions
- Make formal oral presentations using effective strategies
- Comprehend, discuss and respond to academic texts orally and in writing
- Produce a well-organized essay with adequate support and detail
- Edit short texts by correcting common errors

## **Text Book:**

1. Language and Life: A Skills Approach- I Edition 2019, Orient Black Swan

## **Reference Books:**

1. Bailey, Stephen. Academic writing: A handbook for international students. Routledge, 2014.
2. Chase, Becky Tarver. Pathways: Listening, Speaking and Critical Thinking. Heinley ELT; 2nd Edition, 2018.
3. Raymond Murphy's English Grammar in Use Fourth Edition (2012) E-book
4. Hewings, Martin. Cambridge Academic English (B2). CUP, 2012.
5. Oxford Learners Dictionary, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2011
6. Norman Lewis Word Power Made Easy- The Complete Handbook for Building a Superior Vocabulary (2014)
7. Speed Reading with the Right Brain: Learn to Read Ideas Instead of Just Words by David Butler

## **Course Outcomes**

- Retrieve the knowledge of basic grammatical concepts
- Understand the context, topic, and pieces of specific information from social or transactional dialogues spoken by native speakers of English
- Apply grammatical structures to formulate sentences and correct word forms
- Analyze discourse markers to speak clearly on a specific topic in informal discussions
- Evaluate reading/listening texts and to write summaries based on global comprehension of these texts.
- Create a coherent paragraph interpreting a figure/graph/chart/table

## **Web links**

[www.englishclub.com](http://www.englishclub.com)  
[www.easyworldofenglish.com](http://www.easyworldofenglish.com)  
[www.languageguide.org/english/](http://www.languageguide.org/english/)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish)  
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