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## SYLLABUS

### ENGLISH : COMPULSARY

**For B.A. Programme: Semester System  
w.e.f. 2011-2012 Academic Session**

*(Approved by the Board of Studies on August 1, 2011)*

The course consists of four papers of 100 marks each.

Semesters I, II and III will have one paper each of **General English**, with questions on the prescribed texts (from *The Joy of Reading: Selected Prose and Poetry*, published by **Orient Longman**) as well as questions related to grammar and composition.

Semester IV will have a paper on **Communicative English**.

#### **SEMESTER I**

##### **General English Paper 1**

###### Unit 1: Short Stories

“An Astrologer’s Day”	by	R.K. Narayan
“Between the Mosque and the Temple”	by	Boman Desai

###### Unit 2: Poetry

“Bangle Sellers”	by	Sarojini Naidu
“The Mountain and the Squirrel”	by	Ralph Waldo Emerson

###### Unit 3: Grammar and Composition

- (i) Articles
- (ii) Prepositions

###### Unit 4: Grammar and Composition

- (i) Adjectives: Degrees of Comparison
- (ii) Tenses

#### **SEMESTER II**

##### **General English Paper 2**

###### Unit 1: Short Stories

“The Child”	by	Premchand
“The Gift of the Magi”	by	O. Henry

## Unit 2: Poetry

“Where the Mind is Without Fear” by Rabindranath Tagore  
 “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” by Robert Frost

## Unit 3: Grammar and Composition

Comprehension (Unseen Passage)

## Unit 4: Grammar and Composition

Paragraph Writing

Letter Writing

**SEMESTER III****General English Paper 3**

## Unit 1: Short Stories

“My Financial Career” by Stephen Leacock  
 Speech on Indian Independence by Jawaharlal Nehru

## Unit 2: Poetry

Sonnet: “When in disgrace. . .” by William Shakespeare  
 “Success is Counted Sweetest” by Emily Dickinson

## Unit 3: Grammar and Composition

(i) Transformation of Sentences :

Active-Passive

Direct-indirect

(ii) Synthesis of Sentences

## Unit 4: Grammar and Composition

(i) Précis Writing

(ii) Essay Writing

Books recommended for Grammar and Composition

1. *Intermediate Grammar, Usage and Composition* by M.L. Tickoo, A.E. Subramanian and P.R. Subramaniam (Orient Longman).
  2. *Modern English: A Book of Grammar, Usage and Composition* by N. Krishnaswamy (Macmillan).
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**Evaluation**

The first two units of each paper are devoted to comprehension questions from the prescribed texts. The exercises on grammatical items and vocabulary would also be primarily based on these texts.

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**SEMESTER IV**  
**Communicative English**

The emphasis in this paper will be on communication skills, especially speaking and listening.

Unit I  
Personal and Group Exchanges  
Social Interface

Unit II  
Interface for Instructions, Clarifications, Requests, Compliments, Encouragement

Unit III  
Expression of Opinion, Agreement, Advice, Suggestion, Persuasion, Complaint

Unit IV  
Expression of Likes, Dislikes, Hopes, Sympathy, Condolences,  
Communicating Quality, Inference, Plans and Prospective Events.

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