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Course Name: Advanced Reading and Comprehension

Course Code: EEL-411

Level: 4

Credits: 2

Credits Equivalent:

(One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organized classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.)

Course Outcomes:

- ✓ to improve the students' reading ability
- ✓ to prepare the students to be more confident and active participants in all aspects of their program
- ✓ to increase students' understanding of key passages/grammar/comprehension.

Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes of this paper are the following:

- ✓ Student will learn the art of reading.
- ✓ They will be able to develop in-depth understanding of texts.
- ✓ Students will learn the basics of grammar.
- ✓ They will be able to face difficult situations.
- ✓ Students' reading speed and comprehension will improve considerably.

Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Mid Term Examination:20%
2. End Term Examination:60%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 20%. i.e. 20 marks out of 100

Course Content:

UNIT-I: Functional Grammar (3 Hours)

- Determiners, Modals
- Phrases & Clauses
- Active and Passive Voice, Narration
- Agreement of Verb with the Subject

UNIT-II: Transformation and Synthesis (3 Hours)

- Analysis, Transformation and Synthesis of Sentences
- Correct Usage of Different Parts of Speech
- Common Errors in Sentences

UNIT-III: Creative Writing (5 Hours)

- Comprehension Skills
- Understanding Poetry, Fiction, Essays, Short Stories
- Picture Comprehension

UNIT-IV: Short Composition (4 Hours)

- Paragraph Writing
- Letter Writing
- Dialogue Writing
- Précis Writing

UNIT-V: Long Composition (5 Hours)

- Story Writing
- Essay Writing
- Report Writing
- Paraphrasing and Comprehension

General Practicum:

- a) Active and Effective Reading
- b) Reading Passages/Stories/News Paper Articles (Fluency, Pronunciation and Confidence)
- c) Skimming/Scanning Group Discussion

- d) Intensive/Extensive Reading
- e) Class Presentations
- f) Home Assignments
- g) Common Errors/Subject-Verb Agreement

Essential Readings:

1. Wren and Martin (2009). *English Grammar and Composition*. S. Chand, New Delhi.
2. Murphy, Raymond (2009). *Essential English Grammar*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
3. Kumar, Shiv K. et al (2007). *Learn Correct English*. Pearson Publishers, New Delhi.
4. Dev, Anjana et al (2009). *Creative Writing*. Pearson - Longman, New Delhi.
5. Konar, Nira (2009). *Communication Skills for Professionals*. PHI Learning, New Delhi.
6. Aarts, Bas (2007). *English Syntax and Argumentation*. Palgrave MacMillan Publishers.
7. Alex, K. (2009). *Soft Skills: Know Yourself and Know the World*. S. Chand, New Delhi.