

Title of Vocational Programme: Functional English

Faculty: Languages

Department: Centre of Excellence for Multilingual Studies.

Credits: 3

Max. Marks: 100

Min. Passing Marks: 35

Course Code: TBA

Duration of Programme: 2 SEM

Total No. of Lectures-Tutorials-Practical (in hours per week): 4/W

Course Learning Outcomes:

- To develop an understanding of language functions in the students.
- To employ Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing skills to the optimum in informal and formal settings.
- To enhance speaking and writing skills and enable the students to develop power of communication through composition and conversational skills.

Theory 15 Hrs.

Practical : 30 hrs.

SEM. 1

Unit I: Developing Conversational Ability

Theory

- a) Greetings and Introduction b) Participating in small talks- At the office, At the railway station, At the airport, At the travel agency, At the bank, At the doctor's clinic, At the hospital. c) Talking on the telephone. d) Socializing- Making requests, expressing thanks & responding to thanks; Expressing likes and dislikes, offering Apology & making Requests. Offering help, complimenting and congratulating, refusing.

Laboratory/Practical

- Starting conversation; talking about family and friends.
- Talking about weather and climate.
- Asking for personal information and responding to questions.
- Responding to arguments: agreeing& disagreeing.
- Making requests, expressing thanks & responding to thanks.
- Expressing likes and dislikes, offering Apology & making Requests.
- Offering help, complimenting and congratulating, refusing.
- Accepting an invitation; asking for and giving advice.
- Asking for and giving directions.
- Asking for and giving your opinions.

Unit II: Listening Comprehension

Theory

Basic skills of listening, Listening Models, Body Language, Avoiding the barriers to listening, Streamlining of soundshapes.

Laboratory/Practical

Listening Exercises: Students will hear short as well as long audio clips on a topic. Once the audio is played, they will answer questions based on the audio clips

SEM. 2.

Unit- I : Applied Reading

Theory

- Applied Reading Strategies: Skimming, scanning, making inferences, recognizing patterns. Identifying the main ideas & supporting Details of a reading passage and paraphrasing/summarizing them.
- Active Reading Strategies: Using Text Structure • Transitions • Identifying Relationships Among Ideas
- Critical Reading Strategies: Evaluating Fact or Opinion, feelings, Author's Point of View and Purpose

Authentic Text shall be used for the purpose of this Unit.

Practical

Reading exercises using Authentic Text from 1-8 below.

1. Newspapers.
2. Advertisements
3. Brochure.
4. Notice.
5. Circular.
6. Minutes/Agenda.
7. Instruction Manuals/Product Description.

Unit- II : Developing Writing

Theory

- a) Profile writing.
- b) Writing Formal letters: inviting people, making enquiries, complaining, asking for permission, making requests.
- c) Writing Job Applications.
- d) Writing product description.
- e) Argumentative Essay.

Practical:

1. Reading passages on a topic; reproducing the Passage and Writing their own viewpoints based on the topic.
2. Writing messages using social media.
3. Writing Formal letters: inviting people, making enquiries, complaining, asking for permission, making requests.
4. Profile writing.
5. Writing a Summary
6. Product description

Suggested Reading:

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- Sara Freeman.Written Communication in English. Ron White & Valerie Arndt. 1991.
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