Board of Studies in English
Draft Syllabus
Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.)
Foundation Course in English
(Semester I to IV)

In effect from 2016 onwards
Title of the course: Foundation Course in English -1
Name of the Course: English for Science Students
Course Credit: 03
Teaching Hours 45 Hours per semester
Total marks 100 Marks
Semester end exam 70 Marks
Internal assessment: 30 Marks

Course objectives:
- To strengthen students' competence in English
- To strengthen students’ four basic language skills.
- To hone students' interpersonal skills through literature

Unit I: [Marks 30]
(Unit 3 only: Topics – Dr Lakadasa Dissanayake, Mahatma Gandhi, Napoleon Bonaparte & Abraham Lincoln)

Unit II: [Marks 20]
Grammar:
(1) Verb Forms (Tenses) [10]
(2) Parts of Speech (Noun, Adjective, Verb, Adverb) [10]

Unit III: [Marks 10]
Composition:
(1) Comprehension

Unit IV [Marks 10]
Vocabulary:
(1) Antonyms, Synonyms, One word Substitution and Phrasal Verb (Text Based)

Semester end examination

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B. Sc. Semester – 2

Title of the course: Foundation Course in English -2
Name of the Course: English for Science Students
Course Credit: 03
Teaching Hours: 45 Hours per semester
Total marks: 100 Marks
Semester end exam: 70 Marks
Internal assessment: 30 Marks

Course objectives:
- To strengthen students’ competence in English
- To strengthen students’ four basic language skills.
- To hone students’ interpersonal skills through literature

Unit I: [Marks 30]
(Unit 4 only: Topics –The Arabs as the Rulers of Spain, The Renaissance, The Industrial Revolution & India under the British Raj)

Unit II: [Marks 20]
Grammar:
(1) Articles [10]
(2) Modal Auxiliaries [10]

Unit III: [Marks 10]
Composition:
(1) Official Letters (Application, Leave report, Order for Purchase, Resignation letter, complaint letter, letter of invitation etc.)

Unit IV [Marks 10]
Vocabulary:
(1) Antonyms, Synonyms, One word Substitution and Phrasal Verb (Text Based)

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B. Sc. Semester – 3

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Name of the Course: English for Science Students

Course Credit: 03
Teaching Hours 45 Hours per semester
Total marks 100 Marks
Semester end exam 70 Marks
Internal assessment: 30 Marks

Course objectives:
- To strengthen students’ competence in English
- To strengthen students’ four basic language skills.
- To hone students’ interpersonal skills through literature

Unit I: [Marks 30]

Unit II: [Marks 20]
Grammar:
(1) Active & Passive Voice [10]
(2) Indirect Speech [10]

Unit III: [Marks 10]
Composition:
(1) Précis

Unit IV: [Marks 10]
Vocabulary:
(1) Antonyms, Synonyms, One word Substitution and Phrasal Verb (Text Based)

Unit V:
Practical: Total 10 [1 hour/batch. Number of students per batch as per university rule) (Topics for practical are in the annexure A) Suggested book for practical: Spoken English: A Foundation Course Part I & II by Kamlesh Sadanand and Susheela Punitha, Orient Longman.

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Annexure A

Topics for practical


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Title of the course: Foundation Course in English -4
Name of the Course: English for Science Students
Course Credit: 03
Teaching Hours 45 Hours per semester
Total marks 100 Marks
Semester end exam 70 Marks
Internal assessment: 30 Marks

Course objectives:
- To strengthen students’ competence in English
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- To hone students’ interpersonal skills through literature

Unit I: [Marks 30]

Unit II: Grammar: [Marks 10]
(1) Synthesis (Simple, Complex and Compound Sentence)

Unit III: Composition: [Marks 20]
(1) Situation based Conversation i.e. the students will prepare a dialogue based on the given situation. (2 out of 3) [10]
(2) Information Transfer: Visual to Verbal [10]

Unit IV: Vocabulary: [Marks 10]
(1) Antonyms, Synonyms, One word Substitution and Phrasal Verb (Text Based)

Unit V: Practical: Total 10 [1 hour/batch. Number of students per batch as per university rule] Suggested book for practical: Spoken English: A Foundation Course Part I & II by Kamlesh Sadanand and Susheela Punitha, Orient Longman. (Topics for practical are in the annexure A)

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