

GENERAL ENGLISH
SEMESTER I
Foundations of English Language

Max. Marks: 50
Duration: 3 Hrs.

Minimum Marks: 18
Internal Assessment: 10 marks

The syllabus aims at achieving the following objectives:

1. Introducing the students to phonetics and enabling them to consult dictionaries for correct pronunciation (sound and stress)
2. Reinforcing selected components of grammar and usage
3. Strengthening comprehension of poetry, prose and short stories
4. Strengthening compositional skills in English paragraph writing. CVs and job applications.

The pattern of the question paper will be as follows:

SECTION A : Phonetics

(8 marks)

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| I. | Transcription of Phonetic Symbols | (4) |
| II. | Word Stress | (4) |

SECTION B: Grammar and Usage

(8 marks)

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| I. | Transformation of Sentences. | (4) |
| | a. Direct and Indirect Narration | |
| | b. Active and Passive Voice | |
| | c. Articles (a, an, the) | |
| II. | Modals | (4) |

SECTION C: Comprehension

(12 marks)

Following essays and stories in ***Essential Language Skills*** revised edition compiled by Mac Millan for General English B. A./ B.Com./ B.Sc.

William Blake.
Ruskin Bond.
M. K. Gandhi.

The Little Black Boy
Night Train at Deoli
The Birth of Khadi

Four questions to be answered out of eight questions. One mark each based on three units of the prescribed texts. **(4 marks)**

Two questions of two mark each to be answered from the given passage. **(4 marks)**

One vocabulary question from the given passage (at least 8 words) (4 marks)

SECTION:D Composition Skills

(12 marks)

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| I. | Letter: Formal | (4) |
| II. | C Vs | (4) |
| III. | Paragraph Writing | (4) |

Recommended Reading:

1. Sasikumar, V. Dutta and Rajeevan. *A Course in Listening and Speaking-I* Foundation Books. 2005.
2. Sawhney, Panja and Verma eds. *English At the Workplace*, MacMillan 2003.
3. Singh, R. P. Professional Communication. OUP. 2004
4. Judith Leigh. CVs nd Job Applications. OUP
5. Arthur Waldhom and Arthur Zeiger, *English Made Simple*, Upa and Co.
6. Gunashekhar ed. *A Foundation English Course for Undergraduates. Book I* CIEFL, Hyderabad.
7. Quirk and Greenbaum: *A University Grammar of English* Longman, 1973



GENERAL ENGLISH
SEMESTER II
Foundations of English Language

Max. Marks: 50

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Minimum Marks: 18
Internal Assessment: 10 marks

The syllabus aims at achieving the following objectives:

- Introducing the students to translation skills
- Reinforcing selected components of grammar and usage
- Strengthening comprehension of poetry, prose and short stories
- Strengthening compositional skills in English paragraph writing. CVs and job applications.

The pattern of the question paper will be as follows:

SECTION A: Translation.

(8 marks)

1. Translation of 4 sentences from Hindi to English (4)
2. Translation of 8 words from Hindi to English (4)

SECTION B: Grammar and Usage

(8 marks)

- I. Prepositions (4)
- II. Sequence of Tenses (4)

SECTION C: Comprehension.

(12 marks)

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| 1. Sujata Bhatt | Voice of the Unwanted Girl |
| 2. J. L. Nehru. | A Tryst with Destiny |
| 3. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam | Vision for 2020 |

Four questions to be answered out of eight questions. One mark each based on three units of the prescribed texts. **(4 marks)**

Two questions of two mark each to be answered from the given passage. **(4 marks)**

One vocabulary question from the given passage (at least 8 words) **(4 marks)**

SECTION:D Composition Skills

(12 marks)

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| 1. Letter: Informal | (4) |
| 2. Job Applications | (4) |
| 3. Summarizing. | (4) |

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