

# ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

# Model Syllabus for General English (I, II & III Semesters) in consonance with Curriculum framework w.e.f. AY 2025-26

# **COURSE STRUCTURE**

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
I	I	1	English Bridge-I: Life Skills	4	4
	II	2	English Bridge-II: Communicate and Connect	4	4
II	III	3	English Bridge-III: Global Future	4	4

#### **SEMESTER-I**

#### **COURSE 1: ENGLISH BRIDGE-I: LIFE SKILLS**

Theory Credits: 4 4 hrs/week

# **Learning Objectives**

- To enable students to develop reading and comprehension skills through literary texts.
- To promote sensitivity toward issues such as environment, gender, identity, and relationships.
- To introduce students to foundational grammar and functional usage of English.
- To enhance students' confidence in self-expression through writing and speaking.
- To cultivate phonetic awareness and develop pronunciation skills.

#### **Course Outcomes**

- Interpret and appreciate literary texts with reference to social, emotional, and ecological concerns.
- Apply foundational grammar elements accurately in spoken and written English.
- Demonstrate improved reading comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.
- Engage in meaningful communication using functional expressions and phonetic clarity.
- Exhibit awareness of self, society, and the world through reflective and descriptive writing.

#### Unit I

- Poem: Coromandel Fishers Sarojini Naidu
- Short Story: The Night Train at Deoli Ruskin Bond
- Parts of Speech

#### Unit II

- Short Story: The Lost Child Mulk Raj Anand
- Prose: Letter to a Teacher School of Barbiana
- Articles and Prepositions

#### Unit III

- Poem: Where the Mind is Without Fear Rabindranath Tagore
- Speech: How Dare You Greta Thunberg (Open Source)
- Question tags.

#### **Unit IV**

- Poem: Night of the Scorpion Nissim Ezekiel
- One Act Play: Refund Fritz Karinthy
- Tenses

#### Unit V

- Short Story: An Astrologer's Day R. K. Narayan
- Phonetics: Basic Sounds and Word Stress
- Intonation and Homophones

# **Suggested Classroom Activities (Unit-wise)**

#### Unit I

• Speaking activity: My village/town.

#### **Unit II**

• Story telling and letter writing.

#### **Unit III**

• JAM and reading comprehension

# **Unit IV**

• Listening to TED Talks and dialogue writing

# Unit V

- Phonetics practice with minimal pairs, stress marking, and reading aloud.
- Read passages following stress and intonation
- Write stories based on pictures facilitated.

# **Suggested Reference Books and Resources**

- 1. Board of Editors. English for Life. Orient BlackSwan.
- 2. Raymond Murphy. Essential Grammar in Use. Cambridge University Press.
- 3. T. Balasubramanian. A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students. Macmillan.
- 4. Greta Thunberg's UN Speech (Open Educational Resource)
- 5. Mulk Raj Anand. The Lost Child.
- 6. Sarojini Naidu. The Bird of Time.
- 7. Nissim Ezekiel. Collected Poems.
- 8. Rabindranath Tagore. Gitanjali.
- 9. School of Barbiana. Letter to a Teacher.

#### **SEMESTER-II**

#### COURSE 2: ENGLISH BRIDGE-II: COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT

Theory Credits: 4 4 hrs/week

# **Learning Objectives (LOs):**

- Recognize and reflect on civil and respectful communication in social and professional settings.
- Understand dramatic narratives and short fiction to enhance reading and speaking skills.
- Apply basic grammar and vocabulary in structured communication.
- Practice effective written formats for workplace communication.
- Interpret visual data and convert it into written content using note-making and report writing.

# **Course Outcomes (COs):**

- Demonstrate improved communication etiquette through readings on civility and motivation.
- Employ skimming, scanning, and note-making strategies in academic and workplace writing.
- Display awareness of societal values and professional conduct through literature.
- Draft structured texts like reports, agendas, and notices with clarity.
- Integrate vocabulary and grammar in writing and speaking activities effectively.

#### Unit I

- Prose: "On Saying Please" A.G. Gardiner
- Short Story: "Half a Rupee Worth" R.K. Narayan
- Conversion of Words.

#### Unit II

- Poem: "If" Rudyard Kipling
- Prose: "I Have a Dream" Martin Luther King Jr.
- Skimming & Scanning

#### **Unit III**

- One-Act Play: "Never, Never Nest" Cedric Mount
- Short Story: "The Gift of the Magi" O. Henry
- Report Writing

# **Unit IV**

- Short Story: "How I Taught My Grandmother to Read" Sudha Murty
- Information Transfer: Pie Charts, tree diagram and flow chart.
- Note-making

#### Unit V

- Prose: "The Secret of Work" Swami Vivekananda
- Notices, Agendas, and Minutes
- One-Word Substitutes

# **Unit-wise Suggested Activities:**

#### Unit I

- Vocabulary games
- Role-play

#### **Unit II**

- Presentation on a dream job.
- Group Discussion

#### **Unit III**

- Debate on EMI
- Report Writing college events

#### **Unit IV**

- Presentation using ppt (charts/photos)
- Preparing notes from a short lecture/podcast

#### Unit V

- Drafting a Notice and Agenda for a student meeting
- Vocabulary Quiz

#### **Reference Books:**

- Fluency in English Part II, Board of Editors, Orient BlackSwan
- Effective Technical Communication by M. Ashraf Rizvi (McGraw Hill)
- English Grammar in Use by Raymond Murphy (Cambridge)
- Professional Communication by Aruna Koneru (McGraw Hill)
- Selected Stories by R.K. Narayan (Indian Thought Publications)
- Collected Essays of A.G. Gardiner
- Collected Poems by Rudyard Kipling
- The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories by O. Henry
- · Selected Speeches of Swami Vivekananda
- Short Stories by Sudha Murty (Penguin India)

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#### SEMESTER-III

# **COURSE 3: ENGLISH BRIDGE-III: GLOBAL FUTURE**

Theory Credits: 4 4 hrs/week

# **Learning Objectives**

- 1. To enhance students' ability to understand and appreciate poetry, prose, and drama.
- 2. To develop effective writing, speaking, and interpersonal communication skills.
- 3. To enable students to express themselves confidently in interviews and professional scenarios.
- 4. To promote critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and self-awareness through soft skills.

#### **Course Outcomes**

- 1. Students will be able to interpret and respond to literary texts.
- 2. Students will demonstrate proficiency in writing formal and informal letters, CVs, and emails.
- 3. Students will be capable of participating in interviews and group discussions.
- 4. Students will reflect on personal and professional strengths through SWOC analysis and EI.

#### Unit I

- 1. Poem: 'Where I live?' Arundhati Subramaniam
- 2. Barriers to listening & Strategies for effective listening
- 3. E-mail Writing

#### **Unit II**

- 1. Short Story: The First Day- Edward.P.Jones
- 2. Greetings and Introduction
- 3. Resume and Cover Letter

#### Unit III

- 1. Prose: The Best Investment I Ever Made-A.J.Cronin
- 2. Asking and Giving Information
- 3. Interview Skills {Types of interviews, do's and do not's of interviews and stages of interviews)

#### Unit IV

- 1. Prose: Principles of Good Writing L.A. Hills
- 2. Paragraph Writing (Guided writing)
- 3. Principles of Translation (Translation from English to Telugu 150 words)

#### Unit V

- 1. Time Management
- 2. Attitude
- 3. Social Consciousness
- 4. Emotional Intelligence

# **Suggested Classroom Activity:**

# Unit-1

- 1. Listening comprehension
- 2. Writing emails.

#### Unit-II

- 1. Self and introducing others
- 2. Resume writing

#### Unit-III

- 1. Mock Interviews
- 2. Practice session for procuring information

#### **Unit-IV**

- 1. Review of a film in a paragraph
- 2. Translation of English news

# **Unit-V**

- 1. Role play
- 2. Monologue

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- 5. Carnegie, Dale. (1936). 'How to Win Friends and Influence People'. Simon & Schuster.
- 6. Covey, Stephen R. (1989). 'The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People'. Free Press.
- 7. Driscoll, Donna. (2021). 'English for Job Seekers'. Cambridge India.
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