

SYLLABUS OF THE YEAR (2019-20)

SEMESTER I

Unit I SHORT FICTION: “The Curb in the Sky” by James Thurber—GRAMMAR: noun—
VOCABULARY: roots, prefix and suffix—SPELLING: wrong spellings—
PUNCTUATION: capitalization—WRITING: guided writing & expansion

Unit II PROSE: “Happy People” by W.R. Inge—GRAMMAR: pronoun—
VOCABULARY: roots, prefix & suffix— SPELLING: ‘un’ and ‘dis’ for
antonyms— PUNCTUATION: capitalization—WRITING: sequencing

Unit III POETRY: “A Psalm of Life” by Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow—GRAMMAR: auxiliary verbs— VOCABULARY:
homonyms, homographs, homophones—
SPELLING: words ending ‘tion’ or ‘sion’—
PUNCTUATION: full stop and comma— WRITING:
paragraph, descriptive writing

Unit IV DRAMA: “The Dear Departed” (an extract) by Stanley Houghton—
GRAMMAR: main verbs and tenses— VOCABULARY: collocation—
SPELLING: words ending ‘tion’ or ‘ment’— PUNCTUATION:
question and exclamation marks— WRITING: dialogue writing

Unit V Language & Soft Skills Lab: (Pronunciation, Conversation, Reading, Soft Skills
and Values)

PRONUNCIATION: Consonant sounds—Vowels:
monophthongs—Vowels: diphthongs—Varied
pronunciations of the same letter

CONVERSATION: Introducing oneself in formal /social
contexts—Starting and controlling a conversation—
Describing your college and course of study— Leaving a
message on the answering machine, making an appointment
on telephone

READING: Biography of Chindula Yelamma Telangana
Artisan—Million March: an Initiative for Statehood—

Batukamma: Telangana's cultural identity— Husain
Sagar Lake: a well known tourist attraction

SOFT SKILLS: Motivation and goal setting—Self
confidence—Non-verbal communication/body
language—Interpersonal skills

VALUES: “Well begun is half done”—“Doubt is the beginning
of wisdom” — “Actions speak louder than words” —“Faith
will move mountains”

SEMESTER II

Unit I SHORT FICTION: “A Visit of Charity” by Eudora Welty—GRAMMAR: Nonfinite
verbs— VOCABULARY: Simile and metaphor— SPELLING: Use of ‘ie’ and
‘ei’— PUNCTUATION: Semicolon—WRITING: Note taking and note making

Unit II PROSE: “Benaras” by Aldous Huxley—GRAMMAR: Adjective—

VOCABULARY: Oxymoron and hyperbole— SPELLING: Use of ‘able’ and
‘ible’— PUNCTUATION: Colon and long dash— WRITING: Informal letter

Unit III POETRY: “The Sun is Warm” by P.B Shelley—GRAMMAR:
Articles— VOCABULARY: Portmanteau words, loan words—
SPELLING: Use of ‘-ic’, ‘ive’, ‘-ity’, ‘-al’ ‘-ance’, ‘-ence’—
PUNCTUATION: Hyphen and long dash— WRITING: Formal letter

Unit IV DRAMA: An extract of Act II, Sc 3 from *Julius Caesar* by
Shakespeare— GRAMMAR: Adverb— VOCABULARY:
Palindromes— SPELLING: Changes of spelling from noun- verb-
adjective-adverb— PUNCTUATION: Inverted commas—WRITING:
Business letter

Unit V Language & Soft Skills Lab: (Pronunciation, Conversation, Reading, Soft Skills
and Values)

PRONUNCIATION: Plosives—Fricatives—Affricates and nasals—Lateral, frictionless continuants, semi vowels

CONVERSATION: Asking for advice/information— Making/accepting/ refusing a request— Conducting a meeting/seeking opinion of team members— Appearing for a job interview/conducting a job interview

READING: Hyderabad city: the heart of Telangana— Burrakatha—Cultural identity of Telangana—Handicrafts of Telangana

SOFT SKILLS: Time management—Leadership—Stress management— Etiquette and grooming

VALUES: “Time and tide wait for no one”— “The pen is mightier than the sword” — “Practice makes one perfect”— “Necessity is the mother of invention”

SEMESTER III

- Unit I**
- Poem: Charlotte Brontë “Life”
 - Short Story: Rabindranath Tagore “A Wrong Man in Workers’ Paradise”
 - Vocabulary: Synonyms, Antonyms
 - Grammar: Prepositions (including Prepositional Phrases)
- Unit II**
- Poem: Kamala Das “Punishment in Kindergarten”
Essay: RK Narayan “Toasted English”
- Unit III**
- Grammar: Voice
- Poem: Langston Hughes “As I Grew Older”
 - Speech: BR Ambedkar “Grammar of Anarchy” (Excerpt)
 - Vocabulary: Phrasal Verbs

4. Grammar: Concord

Unit IV Writing-I (Essay Writing)

1. Discursive Essay
2. Argumentative Essay
3. Vocabulary: Idioms
4. Grammar: Connectives

Unit V Writing-II (Report Writing)

1. Business Reports
2. Media Reports
3. Vocabulary: Technical Vocabulary (Business, Media)
4. Grammar: Reported Speech (Including Reporting Verbs)

SEMESTER-IV

Unit VI

1. Poem: Alfred Tennyson "The Flower"
2. Prose: Ruskin Bond "The Kitemaker"
3. Vocabulary: Commonly Confused Words
4. Grammar: Determiners

Unit VII

- Poem: AK. Ramanujan "Ecology"
Prose: Henry Hitchings "What's the Language of the Future? "
Vocabulary: Indianisms

Grammar: Framing Questions(Including Tag Questions)

Unit VIII

1. Poem: Roald Dahl “Television”
2. Prose: JK Rowling “The Fringe Benefits of Failure, and the Importance of Imagination”
3. Vocabulary: One-Word substitutes
4. Grammar: Relative Clauses

Unit IX

1. Review Writing-Film review, Book review
2. Vocabulary: Technical Vocabulary (Film, Literature)
3. Grammar: Conditionals

Unit X

1. CV Writing: Chronological CV, Functional CV
2. Vocabulary: Appropriacy
3. Grammar: Common Errors

Subject: English (First Language)

BA/BSc/BCom and other UG courses

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SEMESTER I

Unit 1

POEM: ‘In the Bazaars of Hyderabad’ by Sarojini Naidu □ PROSE: ‘The Eyes are

Not Here’ by Ruskin Bond □ VOCABULARY: Word Roots □ GRAMMAR:

Nouns □ SPEAKING: Getting Someone’s Attention and Interrupting □ POSTREADING: Creativity

Unit 2

POEM: ‘If-’ by Rudyard Kipling □ PROSE: ‘On Saying Please’ by A.G. Gardiner

□ VOCABULARY: Prefixes and Suffixes □ GRAMMAR: Pronouns □

SPEAKING: Giving Instructions and Seeking Clarifications □ POST-READING:

Interpersonal Skills

Unit 3

POEM: 'Ulysses' by Alfred Tennyson □ PROSE: 'Seeing People Off' by Max

Beerbohm □ VOCABULARY: Homonyms, Homographs, Homophones □

GRAMMAR: Adjectives □ SPEAKING: Asking for and Giving Opinions □

POST-READING: Motivation

Unit 4

POEM: 'On His Having Arrived at the Age of Twenty-three' by John Milton □

PROSE: 'Shyness My Shield' by M.K. Gandhi □ VOCABULARY: Collocation

GRAMMAR: Articles □ SPEAKING: Agreeing and Disagreeing with Opinions □

POST-READING: Self-analysis

SEMESTER II

Unit 5

POEM: 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree' by Dilip Chitre □ PROSE: 'The Bet' by

Anton Chekhov □ VOCABULARY: Oxymoron and Hyperbole □ GRAMMAR:

Main Verbs and Tenses □ WRITING: Paragraph Writing Essentials □ POSTREADING:
Decision-making

Unit 6

POEM: 'A Walk by Moonlight' by Henry Derozio □ PROSE: 'How the

Coronavirus Sparked a Wave of Innovation in India' by Sreevas Sahasranamam □

VOCABULARY: Loan Words □ GRAMMAR: Auxiliary Verbs □ WRITING:

Sequencing □ POST-READING: Holistic Health

Unit 7

POEM: 'A Different History' by Sujata Bhatt □ PROSE: 'Nobel Lecture, 7

December 1993' (extract) by Toni Morrison □ VOCABULARY: Portmanteau
Words □ GRAMMAR: Non-finite Verbs □ WRITING: Descriptive Writing □
POST-READING: Conflict Resolution

Unit 8

POEM: Lady Macbeth's Speech from Macbeth Act I, Scene 5 by William □
Shakespeare □ PROSE: 'How I Became a Public Speaker' (abridged) by G.B.
Shaw □ VOCABULARY: Simile and Metaphor □ GRAMMAR: Adverbs
WRITING: Argumentative Writing □ POST-READING: Ethical Behaviour

Semesters V & VI

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Semester V

Unit I

Poem -AK Ramanujan "Ecology"

Prose- Henry Hitchings "What's the Language of the Future?" (Excerpt)

Vocabulary- Indianisms

Grammar- Framing Questions (including tag questions)

Unit II

Gender Sensitization

A Note to the Teachers

Prose Poem- Jamaica Kincaid "Girl"

Prose -Emma Watson "Gender equality is your issue too"

Vocabulary- Analogy and Odd Word Out

Grammar - Verbs

Unit III

Writing Reviews Film Review, Book Review

Vocabulary - Technical vocabulary (Film, Literature)

Grammar- Conditionals

Semester VI

Unit IV

Poem Roald Dahl “Television”

Prose JK Rowling “The Fringe Benefits of Failure, and the Importance of Imagination”
(Excerpt)

Vocabulary One-word Substitutes

Grammar Relative Clauses

Unit V

Gender Sensitization

Poem Elizabeth Ralph Mertz “Accomplishments”

Prose Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie “Third Suggestion”

Vocabulary Formal and Informal Vocabulary

Grammar Sentence Types

Unit VI

CV Writing Chronological CV, Functional CV

Vocabulary Appropriacy

Grammar Common Errors



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Prescribed textbook for Semesters III and IV: **Inspiring English**, edited by J. Savithri & K.M. Praveena, published by Orient BlackSwan, 2023

SEMESTER III

Unit 1

POETRY: O Captain! My Captain! – Walt Whitman
PROSE: Mallika Srinivasan
PRONUNCIATION: Monophthongs
VOCABULARY: Onomatopoeic Words
GRAMMAR: Punctuation
ADDITIONAL READING: Jadav Payeng
SPEAKING: Role Play
WRITING: Note-taking, Note-making

Unit 2

POETRY: The Solitary Reaper – William Wordsworth
PROSE: How to Live to Be 200 – Stephen Leacock
PRONUNCIATION: Diphthongs
VOCABULARY: Word Origins
GRAMMAR: Subject-Verb Agreement
ADDITIONAL READING: Organic farming gets a bad rap: why it shouldn't – Raymond Auerbach
SPEAKING: Monologues
WRITING: Paragraph Expansion

Unit 3

POETRY: La Belle Dame Sans Merci – John Keats
PROSE: Ilyás – Leo Tolstoy
PRONUNCIATION: Consonant Sounds
VOCABULARY: Clichés
GRAMMAR: Prepositional Phrases
ADDITIONAL READING: Five space exploration missions to look out for in 2023 – Gareth Dorrian and Ian Whittaker
SPEAKING: Story Narration
WRITING: Notices, Circulars

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SEMESTER IV

Unit 4

POETRY: Ozymandias – Percy Bysshe Shelley
PROSE: The Lottery Ticket – Anton Chekhov
PRONUNCIATION: Consonant Clusters
VOCABULARY: Idioms
GRAMMAR: Degrees of Comparison
ADDITIONAL READING: Consumers often can't detect fake reviews—and underestimate how many negative reviews might be fakes – Shabnam Azimi
SPEAKING: Just a Minute
WRITING: Memo Writing

Unit 5

POETRY: My Last Duchess – Robert Browning
PROSE: The Doll's House – Katherine Mansfield
PRONUNCIATION: Plural Endings
VOCABULARY: Phrasal Verbs
GRAMMAR: Reported Speech
ADDITIONAL READING: Is it OK to kick a robot dog? – Robert Sparrow
SPEAKING: Directions
WRITING: Précis Writing

Unit 6

POETRY: 'Hope' is the Thing with Feathers – Emily Dickinson
PROSE: Packing – Jerome K. Jerome
PRONUNCIATION: Past Tense Endings
VOCABULARY: Technical Vocabulary for Daily Use
GRAMMAR: Voice
ADDITIONAL READING: Why we love holiday rituals and traditions – Dimitris Xygalatas
SPEAKING: Picture Description
WRITING: Information Transfer

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