

Fundamentals of English Grammar and Vocabulary

English language skills – reading, writing, speaking and listening – are fundamental in constructing knowledge in all academic disciplines, succeeding in the world of work, and making sense of everyday life. This curriculum has been developed out of concerns about the specific issues of teaching grammar to whom English is neither the mother language nor the first language of instruction, and whose abilities to speak, read, listen and write in English are clearly varied.

Learning Objectives:

The general objective of the course is to make the students proficient communicators in English. It aims to develop in the learners the ability to understand grammar and English language in a wide range of contexts. The main thrust is the rudimentary training in grammar.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the course, the students should be able to:

- CO 1. identify and use different types of sentences , verbs and parts of speech.
- CO2. grasp a good understanding of modern English grammar, the rules, exceptions to rules and application.
- CO 3. improve their understanding of narration and modalities
- CO 4.enable their understanding of concord and relative clauses
- CO5. expand the vocabulary.

Course Contents:

Unit I

- Parts of speech
- Sentence structure and types
- Subject -Verb agreement (20Marks)

Unit II

- Prepositions
- Conjunctions
- Determiners (20Marks)

Unit III

- Tense forms
- Passive Voice
- Reported Speech (20Marks)

Unit IV

- Modal Verbs
- Conditional Sentences
- Relative Clauses (20Marks)

Unit V

- Root Words, Affixes ,Word formation
- Synonym, Antonym ,One word substitutes, Homonyms
- Spelling and Punctuation (20Marks)

Further Reading:

1. Leech, Geoffrey et al. *English Grammar for Today: A New Introduction. 2nd Edition.* Palgrave, 2008.
2. Carter, Ronald and Michael McCarthy. *Cambridge Grammar of English.* CUP, 2006.
3. Greenbaum, Sidney. *Oxford English Grammar.* Indian Edition. Oxford University Press, 2005.
4. Thomson, A. J., & Martinet, A. V. *A Practical English Grammar.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980.