

GUJARAT UNIVERSITY
PROPOSED SYLLABUS
FOR
GENERAL ENGLISH
SEMESTER I

Introduction:

It is impossible for a human being to experience every good or bad thing existing on this earth, but he can definitely learn from the experiences of others. This process of learning can be initiated if he acquaints himself with the literary works of the great masters. Such experiences sensitize the human being on issues pertaining to the struggle for human existence.

Objectives:

- To familiarize students with the best samples of writings in English so that they can learn the structure of the language as it is used creatively.
- To orient students to social and cultural issues.
- To acquaint students with different writing styles of English.

Number of credits: 3

Lectures per week: 3

Unit	Weightage
Unit I	25%
Unit II	25%

Unit III	25%
Unit IV	25%
Total	100%

UNIT I:

Hours: 10

- Selected Stories from Malagudi Days by R K Narayan
Indian Thought Publication

List of stories

1. The Doctor's Word
2. The Blind Dog
3. Iswaran
4. Father's Help
5. Forty-five a Month
6. Out of Business
7. Attila
8. The Shadow
9. Leela's Friend
10. Selvi

Note: Short question-answers and theme based short notes should be asked.

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UNIT II:

Hours: 10

- Arms and the Man by Bernard Shaw
Orient Longman Pub.

Note: Short question-answers and theme based short notes could be asked (14)

UNIT III: Grammar:

Hours: 10

- Tenses (3)
- Subject-verb agreement (2)
- Preposition (3)
- articles (3)
- modals (3)

Unit IV: Speaking Skills:

Hours :10

- Pronunciation (identification of sounds, vowels & consonants) (4)
- syllable division (from the list attached) (4)
- rhyming words (3)
- Vocabulary from the texts. (3)

Reference Books:

1. Enrich your English – by CIEFL (Academic Skills book)
2. Contemporary English Grammar – Raymond Murphy

3. Essential English Grammar - Raymond Murphy

Assessment to be done on the basis of quizzes assignments and tests/exam. Quizzes and tests to be set from the syllabus itself. Suggested areas/topics for assignments:

1. Literary background of Malagudi Days
2. Literary background of Arms and the Man
3. Paragraph writing using words given in the vocabulary.
4. Identifying grammatical errors.
5. Correcting grammatical errors

Seminar Topics:

1. Life and works of R K Narayan
2. Life and works of Bernard Shaw
3. Comparison of the stories of Malgudi Days with the TV serial Malgudi Days
4. The picture of India as presented in R K Narayan's short stories (other than the ten stories given in the syllabus)
5. Importance of Reading in Language Learning

List of syllables:

1. Ominous – om|in|ous
2. Doctor - doc|tor
3. Repeat – re|peat
4. Whimper – whim|per
5. Auspicious – aus|pi|cious
6. Opportunity – op|por|tun|ity
7. Extricate – ex|tri|cate
8. Goad – goad (mono syllable word)
9. Examination – exam|in|ation
10. Deliberate – de|lib|er|ate
11. Isolate – iso|late
12. Palpitate – pal|pi|tate
13. Amount – amount (mono syllabic word)
14. Humiliation – Hu|mili|ation
15. Moustache – mous|tache
16. Deliver – de|liver
17. Impatient – im|pa|tient
18. Starvation – star|va|tion
19. Excruciating – ex|cru|ci|at|ing
20. Resignation – res|ig|na|tion
21. Gramophone – gramo|phone
22. Fashionable – fash|ion|able
23. Numerous – nu|mer|ous
24. Disappointment – dis|ap|point|ment
25. Formidableness – for|mid|able|ness

26. Puppy – puppy (monosyllabic word)
27. Misunderstanding – mis|un|der|stand|ing
28. Occasionally – oc|ca|sion|al|ly
29. Consideration – con|sid|er|ation
30. Father – father (monosyllabic word)
31. Minimum – min|imum
32. Ordinary – or|din|ary
33. Catalogue – cata|logue
34. Illustrate – il|lus|trate
35. Magician – ma|gi|cian
36. Jewellery – jew|el|lery
37. Classification – clas|si|fi|ca|tion
38. Demand – de|mand
39. Notwithstanding – not|with|stand|ing
40. Ungrateful – un|grate|ful

Word	Meaning	Noun	Verb	Adjective
admire	to think of with pleasure and respect	admiration	admire	admirable
amusement	enjoyment	amusement	amuse	amusing
challenge	to invite to compete against one in fight, match, etc	challenge	challenge	challenging
cheerful	happy and optimistic	cheerfulness	cheer	cheerful
civilised	without roughness of manner or style	civility	civilize	civil, civilized
curable	that can be cured	cure	cure	curable
dear	much loved	dear	endear	dear
deceit	the act of deceiving	deceit	deceive	deceitful
defy	openly refuse to obey	defiance	defy	defiant
disgusting	very unpleasant	disgust	disgust	disgusting
dishearten	discourage	disheartenment	dishearten	disheartening
disposition	inclination	disposition	dispose	disposed

dream	a long-held wish	dream	dream	dreamy
eatable	fit to be consumed as food	eatery, eatables	eat	eatable
enchanted	charmed	enchantment	enchant	enchanted
energetic	full of energy	energy	energise	energetic
envy	the feeling you have towards someone when you wish that you had their qualities	envy	envy	envious
excitable	easily excited	excitement	excite	excitable
flash	to appear as a sudden very bright flame or flare	flash	flash	flashy
foolish	without good sense	foolishness	befool	foolish
glorious	bringing glory	glory	glorify	glorious
imagination	the ability to imagine	imagination	imagine	imaginative
inspire	to motivate	inspiration	inspire	inspiring
insult	to be rude to	insult	insult	insulting
meanness	unkindness	meanness	mean	mean
noble	decent	nobility	ennoble	noble

Professional	of working in one of the professions	profession	professionalize	professional
realise	to change into money, to make real	realization	realize	realizable
recommendation	the act of recommending	recommendation	recommend	recommended
reconciliation	bringing back of friendly relations	reconciliation	reconcile	reconciliable
refined	made pure	refinement	refine	refined
ridiculous	silly or unreasonable	ridicule	ridicule	ridiculous
romantic	showing strong feelings of love	romanticism	romanticize	romantic
safe	protected from danger or risk	safety	save	safe
scatter	to spread widely in all directions	scatter	scatter	scattered
slash	to reduce	slasher	slash	slashing
thrilling	to feel a thrill	thrill	thrill	thrilling
wonder	a feeling of surprise and admiration	wonder	wonder	wonderful
worship	religious feelings of love, respect & admiration	worship	worship	worshipful