

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN ENGLISH
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

Title of the Course	Core Course BEN-DSC06: ASPECTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER I		
Category of the Course	Year & Semester Second Year & Third Semester	Credits 4	Subject Code
Hours:	75		
Objectives:	To recall, reinforce and test knowledge of English Grammar To sensitize on correct and incorrect use of the English language		
Course Introduction	What is Language? Definition of Language. Properties of Language. Development of Writing. What are Naming words, Phrases and Clauses?		
Course Components	<p>Unit 1: Introduction</p> <p>1.1 Language - Definition – Uses of language - Phatic communion</p> <p>1.2 Properties of language– Species specific and species uniform, Symbolic system, Arbitrariness, Duality of Structure, Productivity, Displacement, Cultural Transmission, discreteness, Inter changeability, Specialization, Non directionality</p> <p>1.3 Origin of Language – Divine Source, Natural sound source, Oral Gesture, Glossogenetics</p> <p>1.4 Development of Writing –Pictographic, Ideographic, Logographic, Rebus Writing, Syllabic Writing, Alphabetic Writing</p> <hr/> <p>Unit 2 - English Language and Its Structure -I (Word Classes – Content Words/Lexemes)</p> <p>2.1 Naming Words (Noun) –Types, Nominal Cases – Functional Categories - Subject, Complement, Object and part of Prepositional Phrase, Pronoun types.</p> <p>2.2 Action Words(Verb), Weak and Strong Verbs, Regular and Irregular, Transitive and Intransitive, Reflexive, ‘Be’ ‘Have’ ‘Do’ as Main Verbs.,</p> <p>2.3 Auxiliaries – Primary and Secondary Modal, Time and Tense – simple continuous, perfect.</p> <p>2.4 Describing words (Adjectives) - Kinds, Functions - Attributive and Predicative, Degree of comparison, Order of adjectives</p> <p>2.5 Describing words (Adverbs) - Formation, Position of Adverbs, Comparison of Adverbs, Sentence Adverb</p> <p>Language in Use: Error corrections, Rewrite changing tenses, number, substituting with pronouns.</p> <hr/> <p>Unit 3: English Language and Its Structure- II</p> <p>3.1 Articles, Determiners</p> <p>3.2 Prepositions, Inflections</p> <p>3.3 Conjunctions – Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions</p> <p>3.4 Linkers</p> <p>3.5 Interjections</p> <p>Language in Use: Error corrections, Rewrite changing tense and numbers</p>		

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	<p>Unit 4: English Language And Its Structure- III (Phrases) 4.1 Nominal Phrase, its structure – Modifier, Qualifier Head, Gerund, Verbal Phrases, Verbal Patterns, Phrasal Verbs, Adjectival, Adverbial Phrases and Prepositional Phrases, 4.2 Independent and Dependent Clauses Conditional Clauses 4.3 Sentences - Pattern -Types of sentences - Simple, Compound and Complex sentences - Kinds of sentences – Statement (Declarative), Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory 4.4 Voice 4.5 Reported Speech Language in Use: Conversion, Transformation, Rearrange (jumbled word sentences) Sequencing</p>
	<p>Unit 5: English Language And Its Structure IV – Spelling 5.1 Common rules- ‘i’ before ‘e’, dropping the final ‘e’, changing final ‘y’ to ‘I’. Doubling of the final consonant. 5.2 Spelling – pronunciation differences - single letter with multiple pronunciation - single sound with multiple spelling 5.3 <i>One word substitutions (for class work only. Not for testing)</i> 5.4 <i>Idioms and Phrases (for class work only. Not for testing)</i> 5.5 <i>Dictionary referencing</i> <i>(using Dictionaries to understand how words are entered in a Dictionary)</i> Language in Use: Error correction, unscrambling letters, commonly confused words [Note:5.3, 5.4 & 5.5 are not for testing in the End Semester External Examination]</p>
<p>Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>After completing this course, the students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ show their understanding of language and its features ➤ demonstrate their understanding of English Grammar ➤ use English language correctly ➤ distinguish between correct and incorrect use of the language.

Prescribed Texts		
Unit	Books	Chapters and Page Numbers; sub units
Unit 1	Language and Linguistics- J.F.Wallwork	1.1 (1-13) &1.3 &1.4
	The Study of Language – George Yule	1.2 Chapter 2
Unit 2	Randolph Quirk and Sidney Greenbaum- A University Grammar of English	2.1-2.5
Unit 3	A.J. Thomson and A.V. Martinet - A Practical English Grammar	3.1 (1-9)
	Randolph Quirk and Sidney Greenbaum- A University Grammar of English	3.2 (Chapter 2&3)
	David Green - Contemporary English Grammar Structures and Composition	3.3
	S.K.Verma and N.Krishnaswamy “Word Classes – Form Words (Funcutors)”- Modern Linguistics: An Introduction	3.4&3.5

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Unit 4	Modern English - A Book of Grammar, Usage and Composition	4.1
	A.J. Thomson and A.V. Martinet - A Practical English Grammar	
	Randolph Quirk and Sidney Greenbaum- A University Grammar of English 155-177	
	Modern English - A Book of Grammar, Usage and Composition	4.2 (Chapter 4)
	David Green - Contemporary English Grammar Structures and Composition	4.3 (143-144), 4.4 &4.5
Unit 5	Dr.V.Saraswathy – Applied English Grammar K.R.Narayanawamy – A Teacher’s English Grammar (Orient Black Swan)	5.1 to 5.5

BOOKS & WEB SOURCES FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

- Bhatnagar and Rajul Bhargava – English for Competitive Examinations
- David Green - Contemporary English Grammar Structures and Composition (Macmillan)
- Dr. Varshney - An Introductory Text book of Linguistics and Phonetics
- Dr. Williams and Dr. Saraswathy - A Handbook of English Grammar with Usage and Composition
- F. T. Wood – A Remedial English Grammar for Foreign Students
- George Yule - The Study of Language Third Edition (Cambridge)
- J.F.Wallwork - Language and Linguistics (Chapter V) (Heinemann Educ.)
- Michael Swan - Practical English Usage
- N. Krishnaswamy - Modern English Grammar and Usage (Macmillan)
- Rajeevan Karal - English Grammar Just for You (Oxford)
- Stannard Allan - Living English Structure
- Thomson and Martinet - A Practical English Grammar
- www.all-about-linguistics.group.shef.ac.uk/branches-of-linguistics/phonology/
- www.lexico.com/grammar/i-before-e-except-after-c
- www.hitbullseye.com/Vocab/One-Word-Substitution.php

RECOMMENDED MOOCS

- NPTEL: Language and Mind
<https://nptel.ac.in/courses/109/106/109106085/>
- COURSERA: Miracles of Human Language: An Introduction to Linguistics
<https://www.coursera.org/learn/human-language>

TEDx TALKS

Understanding word families: https://ed.ted.com/best_of_web/fi5GVA6s