

Class: B. Tech. 1st Semester
Branch: Common to all Branches
Course Title: Communication Skills
Course Code: HUM-105
Duration of Exam: 3 hours

UNIT I

- The judgement-seat of Vikramaditya – Sister Nivedita
- The selfish Giant- Oscar Wilde
- Engine Trouble- R.K. Narayan
- Uncle Podger Hangs a picture- Jerome.K.Jerome
- The conjuror's revenge- Stephen Leacock
- The man who knew too much- Alexander Baron
- From poverty to independence- F.T.Miller
- J.C.Bose- Aldous Huxley

UNIT II

- The story of the Sea- William and Stella Nida
- Hardy and Ramanujan- C.P.Snow
- The Escape- Sisir K. Bose
- Sweets- Robert Lynd
- Lectures- J.B.Priestly
- The position of women in ancient India- Padmini Sen Gupta
- Self-portrait- Jawaharlal Nehru

UNIT III

- Work and Play- Herbert Read
- Three Days to See- Helen Keller
- The Laws of Nature- J.B.S Haldane
- Spaceship? – J.B.Priestley
- The Wisdom of Socrates

UNIT IV

- Snapshot of a Dog- James Thurber
- Individuals and Masses- Aldous Huxley
- Children at play-Rumer Godden
- Symptoms- Jerome K. Jerome
- How to avoid foolish opinions- Bertrand Russell

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- 1.Contemporary English Prose edited by Menon Oxford University Press
- 2.Developing English Skills edited by Thaner, Desai and Purani Oxford University Press
- 3.English through Reading-II edited by Bhasker and Prabhu

Note: Test-I carries 50% weightage in the question paper and Text-II carries 50% weightage

Question Paper:

1. Six short answer questions on comprehension to be set from Text-I. Students expected to answer any three in about 150 words each (30 marks)
2. Phrases and idioms from text I to be used in sentences. Hundred percent choices to be given (20 marks)
3. Completing a paragraph of which the first two or three short Sentences are given (10 marks)
4. Exercise on tenses from Text II (5 marks)
5. Exercises on active/passive transformation from Text-II (5 marks)
6. Forming verbs or adjectives or nouns from the given words-text-II (5 marks)
7. Propositions from text-II (5 marks)
8. Matching words and their meanings Text-II (5 marks)
9. Forming words ending in-ify, -ize, -tion, ec. From Text-II (5 marks)
10. Filling in the blanks with a given set of words in brackets-Text-II (5 marks)
11. Questions on miscellaneous exercises from Text-II such as (5 marks)

Question tags - articles etc. or Marking Stress or Syllable in given words.