

SEMESTER - 1st
SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE

ENG125S: ENGLISH SPEAKING AND WRITING-I

CREDITS: THEORY – 02, PRACTICAL - 02

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To introduce foundational concepts in phonetics: the articulation of English consonants, vowels, and the nuances of speech intonation.
- To cultivate skills in phonetic transcription through the comprehension of basic phonetic symbols, enabling them to accurately transcribe elementary words and sentences.
- To explore core principles of effective writing across diverse forms, including descriptive, narrative, expository, persuasive, and academic writing.
- To reinforce the primary elements of effective writing such as grammar, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and the strategic use of phrases and clauses.
- To expand lexical repertoire through targeted vocabulary-building exercises, focusing on antonyms, synonyms, prefixes, suffixes, collocations, and one-word substitutions.
- To enhance proficiency in paragraph construction and summary writing skills by imparting techniques for coherence, clarity, cohesion, and rhetorical effectiveness.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1. Students will acquire an introductory understanding of phonetics, an accurate pronunciation of English consonants, vowels, and the application of appropriate intonation in speech.*
- 2. Students will develop competency in phonetic transcription, effectively transcribing elementary words and phrases with precision.*
- 3. Students will gain the ability to apply core writing principles across various genres, producing well-structured and effective academic compositions.*
- 4. Students will exhibit mastery in essential grammatical conventions, including the correct application of grammar, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure in their written work.*
- 5. Students will demonstrate an enriched vocabulary, utilizing synonyms, antonyms, prefixes, suffixes, and collocations to enhance lucidity and expressiveness in writing.*
- 6. Students will be proficient in crafting coherent and logically organized paragraphs, summaries with clarity, and a refined rhetorical structure in their written communication.*

UNIT I: SPEAKING SKILLS-I

- Introduction to Phonetics
- English Consonants and Vowels
- Speech intonation, pronunciation, Accent
- Basic Phonetic transcription

UNIT II: WRITING SKILLS-I

- Basic principles of effective writing
- Types of writing (Descriptive, Narrative, Expository, Persuasive, Academic)
- Basics of good writing: (Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Sentence structure, phrases and clauses)
- Building a good Vocabulary (Antonyms and Synonyms, Use of Prefixes and Suffixes, Collocations, One-word substitution)
- Paragraph Writing, Summary Writing

TUTORIALS ON UNIT - I & II

- Speech drills on English vowels and consonants
- Pronunciation practice of words
- Practice sessions on paragraph writing
- Vocabulary-building exercises (Group and individual activity)