

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE NOWSHERA, J&K

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

English: Aim of the subject, objectives, Program Outcomes and Course Outcomes

AIM OF THE SUBJECT:

1. To enable the learner to communicate effectively and appropriately in real life situations.
2. To use English effectively for study purpose across the curriculum.
3. To develop and integrate the use of four language skills i.e reading, listening, speaking and writing.

OBJECTIVES- English courses include the following objectives:

- 1) **Reading:** Students will gain awareness about the best literary traditions of the world. By learning how others live and handle their lives, one becomes connected with the world in a way we might not otherwise experience. They will discover that they are part of a huge conglomerate of human thought and emotion. All the great texts that a student of English subject will get chance to study will expand their range of experience. They can gain courage and strength by living vicariously through well-developed characters. Through reading students will have an awareness for various perspectives. This will also expand their range of experience and in the process they will learn to be more empathetic toward the plights of others.
- 2) **Literature, Nation and Tradition:** The current syllabus in the UG level will provide students an opportunity to know India's age old literary and cultural tradition through their exposure to Sanskrit texts and modern Indian vernacular literature in translation. How reading literature in English can be an effective means to address the complex issues of identity, nationalism, historical tradition in Indian context, is a new focus area of the present course.
- 3) **Awareness about Culture and History:** Students gain an understanding of the relations between culture, history and texts. They learn to use texts as a gateway to various cultural traditions and interpret them in their historical contexts. How a literary text can appear as an ideal platform to locate dominant and marginalized voices of a society, is an important focus of the under-graduate literature programme.
- 4) **Issue of Sexuality and Gender:** Human beings are no longer bound by binary concepts as male-female or masculine-feminine. They will learn that sex is a biological concept based on biological characteristics, whereas gender deals with personal, societal and cultural perceptions of sexuality.
- 5) **Acquisition of Values:** Acquisition of values is needed for individual development and social transformation. English literature course at UG level, like any other literary course, helps a student to gain subjective experience of the text's aesthetic value. This helps in

developing quality of thinking and imagination and is a step forward to emerge as a better human being. Through their judgment of the aesthetic value of a literary text students will learn to appreciate whatever is good and beautiful in life. Their healthy mind will thus be storehouse of healthy thoughts.

6) **Writing skills and Process**: Students will be able to recognize and comprehend different varieties of English language and develop a writing style of their own.

7) **Means of Effective Communication**: Study of literature is intertwined with the study of language. Learning various language patterns, sentence structures and dialogue forms can help one in real life in effectively communicating with others. Knowing English increases students' chances of getting a good job in future.

Course Outcomes:

Semester (Ist/IIInd)

Course : General English

- i Upon completion of course, the students will be able to develop the comprehension, reading, writing and speaking skills of the subject.
- ii To acquaint the students with the basics of applied grammar so as to enhance their language.
- iii By learning grammar, it will help them to polish the spoken and written ability of the subject.

Semester (Ist /IIInd)

Course : Communication English

- i Upon completion of course, the students will be able to inculcate the four basic communication skills of the subject that is; listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- ii By the end of the course, the students should be able to learn the basic communication and competence that would serve to enhance their ability.
- iii Communication skills lead to an overall better ability to communicate.

Semester (IIIrd/ IVth)

Course : General English

- i. Upon completion of course, the students will be able to analyse, interpret and evaluate the ideas in the text.
- ii. Students will be able to express ideas in class with correct

- grammar.
- iii. Through the courses, students will be able to imbibe ethical, moral and cultural values through various forms of literature.

Semester (IIIrd/ IVth / Vth/ VIth)

**Course: Ability Enhancement
Compulsory Course**

- i. Upon completion of course, the students will be able to inculcate the four basic communication skills of the subject that is; listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- ii. By the end of the course, the students know about various innovative ways of using English language in verbal and non-verbal communications.
- iii. Write clearly, effectively, and creatively, and adjust writing style appropriately to the content, the context, and nature of the subject.

Semester (Vth/ VIth)

Course : Discipline Specific Elective

- i. The main objective of this course is to introduce the students to women writing which are not restricted to women's experiences in isolation.
- ii. They also get to know that women hold a mirror to the society that frames them.
- iii. Students also come to know by the end of the course that it is not just for learning but also a social sensitizing through these writings.
- iv. They will be able to think about the relation between language and

literature.

- v. The course will enable the students to learn how literature affects a synthesis of the language and the theme.
- vi. Know the process of beginning and growth of English language.