

## Details Syllabus of General English

### Semester I

The General English Course has been designed to enhance the communication skills of the learners and develop their levels of comprehension. Besides, the course shall benefit the learners to improve their reading and writing skills apart from giving a basic knowledge on the uses of grammar. The course aims to provide the learners a broad idea on the various representative texts of poetry and acquaint them with one of the plays by the great dramatist William Shakespeare. General English is a compulsory course to be studied in the first semester of the B.A. programme. The course has three blocks comprising fifteen units in total. The course also includes poems by famous poets such as William Blake, William Wordsworth, D.H. Lawrence, Chinua Achebe, Keki N. Daruwalla, etc. The detailed syllabus of General English is as mentioned below:

#### Block 1: Poetry

Unit 1: William Blake: "Holy Thursday"

William Blake: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 2: William Cowper: "The Solitude of Alexander Selkirk"

William Cowper: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 3: William Wordsworth: "Simon Lee"

William Wordsworth: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 4: Alfred Tennyson: "Tears Idle Tears"

Alfred Tennyson: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 5: W.B. Yeats: "An Irish Airman Foresees His Death"

W. B. Yeats: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

#### Block 2: Poetry and Drama

Unit 6: D.H. Lawrence: "The Snake"

D.H. Lawrence: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 7: Keki N. Daruwalla: "Wolf"

Keki N. Daruwalla: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 8: Chinua Achebe: "As One Listens to the Rain"

## Annexure 1

Chinua Achebe: Life and Works, Text of the Poem, Explanation of the Poem, Style and Language

Unit 9: William Shakespeare: *Macbeth* I

William Shakespeare: Life and Works, Background of the Play

Unit 10: William Shakespeare: *Macbeth* II

Explanation of the Text, Major Characters, Major Themes, Style and Language

### **Block 3: Grammar and Composition**

Unit 11: Uses of Tenses I

Introduction: Time and Tenses, Types of Tenses, Simple Present and Present Continuous Tense, Present Perfect and Simple Past Tense

Unit 12: Uses of Tenses II

Past Continuous and Simple Past Tense, Present Perfect Continuous Tense, Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous Tense, Future Time Expressions

Unit 13: Comprehension and Intelligent Reading

Introduction: Objective Comprehension, Reading and Grasping, Examples and Exercises

Unit 14: Comprehension II

Introduction: Descriptive Comprehension, Writing Answers to an Unseen Passage, Examples and Exercises

Unit 15: Precis Writing

Introduction: Precis Writing, Writing a Good Precis, Features of Precis, Samples

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