

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, BELAGAVI

**Technical English - I**

(Common to all branches)

**Course Code : 18EGH18**

**Contact Hours : 02 /week**

**Total Hours : 26 or 13 of 2 hr duration practical session**

**Semester : I**

**SEE Marks : 60**

**CIE Marks : 40**

**Exam : 03 hour**

**Credit : 1**

**Course Objectives:** The course (18EGH18) will enable the students ,

- To impart basic English grammar and essentials of language skills
- To train to identify the nuances of phonetics, intonation and enhance pronunciation skills
- To enhance with English vocabulary and language proficie

**Language Lab**

For augment LSRW and GV skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Grammar, Vocabulary) through tests, activities, exercises etc., comprehensive web-based learning and assessment systems can be referred.

**Module - I**

**Introduction to Technical Communication**

Fundamentals of Technical Communication Skills, Barriers to Effective Communication, Different styles in Technical Communication. Interpersonal Communication Skills, How to improve Interpersonal Communication Skills, Developing Interpersonal Skills.

Grammar : Basic English Grammar and Parts of Speech - Nouns, Pronouns, Adjectives, Verbs, Adverbs, Preposition, Articles, Conjunctions.

**RBT Levels : L1, L2 & L3**

**Module - II**

**Introduction to Listening Skills and Phonetics – I**

Introduction to Phonetics, Sounds Mispronounced, Silent and Non silent Letters, Homophones and Homonyms, Aspiration, Pronunciation of 'The', words ending 'age', some plural forms.

Articles: Use of Articles – Indefinite and Definite Articles.

**RBT Levels : L1, L2 & L3**

**Module - III**

**Developing Listening Skills (Phonetics and Vocabulary Building) - II**

Speech Sounds: Vowels and Consonants - Exercises on it. Preposition, kinds of Preposition and Prepositions often Confused. Word Accent – Rules for Word Accent, Stress Shift, Question Tags,



Question Tags for Assertive Sentences(Statements) – Some Exceptions in Question Tags and Exercises,  
One Word Substitutes and Exercises.

Vocabulary – Synonyms and Antonyms, Exercises on it.

**RBT Levels : L1, L2 & L3**

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**Module - IV**

**Speaking Skills (Grammar and Vocabulary) – I**

Syllables, Structures, Strong and Weak forms of words, Words formation - Prefixes and Suffixes (Vocabulary), Contractions and Abbreviations.

Spelling Rules and Words often Misspelt – Exercises on it. Word Pairs (Minimal Pairs) – Exercises, The Sequence of Tenses ( Rules in use of Tenses) and Exercises on it.

**RBT Levels : L1, L2 & L3**

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**Module - V**

**Speaking Skills (Grammar and Vocabulary) – II**

Extempore/Public Speaking, Difference between Extempore/Public Speaking, and Guidelines for Practice.

Mother Tongue Influence(MTI) – South Indian Speakers, Various Techniques for Neutralisation of Mother Tongue Influence – Exercises, Listening Comprehension – Exercises. Information Transfer : Oral Presentation - Examples. Common Errors in Pronunciation.

**RBT Levels : L1, L2 & L3**

**Course Outcomes:**

**On completion of the course, students will be able to,**

- CO 1: Use grammatical English and essentials of language skills and identify the nuances of phonetics, intonation and flawless pronunciation
- CO 2: Implement English vocabulary at command and language proficiency
- CO 3: Identify common errors in spoken and written communication
- CO 4: Understand and improve the non verbal communication and kinesics
- CO 5: Perform well in campus recruitment, engineering and all other general competitive examinations

**Question paper pattern**

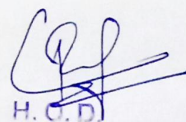
The SEE question paper will be set for 100 marks and the pattern of the question paper will be objective type (MCQ).

## Text Books

- 1) **Communication Skills** by Sanjay Kumar and Pushp Lata, Oxford University Press - 2018. **Refer it's workbook** for activities and exercises – “Communication Skills – I (A Workbook)” published by Oxford University Press – 2018.
- 2) **English Language Communication Skills – Lab Manual cum Workbook**, Cengage learning India Pvt Limited [Latest Revised Edition] – 2018.

## Reference Books

- 1) **Practical English Usage** by Michael Swan, Oxford University Press – 2016.
  - 2) **High School English Grammar & Composition** by Wren and Martin, S Chandh & Company Ltd – 2015.
  - 3) **English for Technical Communication** by N.P.Sudharshana and C.Savitha, Cambridge University Press – 2016.
  - 4) **Technical Communication** by Gajendra Singh Chauhan and Et al, Cengage learning India Pvt Limited [Latest Revised Edition] - 2018.
  - 5) **Effective Technical Communication** – Second Edition by M. Ashraf Rizvi, McGraw Hill Education (India) Private Limited – 2018.
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