



BHAKTHIVEDANTA ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL AND CHARACTER EDUCATION

Personal Holistic Competence

Advance Course

BACCE, Bhakthivedanta Academy for Cultural & Character Education which is conducting a 'Foundation Course in Personal Holistic Competence' for the first year Engineering students of Alvas Institute of Engineering Technology for about two years, plans to have a 'Advance Course in Personal Holistic Competence'. The proposed course is for each of the ten batches of the first years and is of fifty hour duration. the details of which are captured below.

Language Proficiency

Verbal Syllabus

Subject Verb Agreement: Basic rules of sentence structure, Usage of singular and plural, Usage of appropriate verb, Introduction to phrases, Construction of Simple sentences and Compound Sentences, Introduction to parts of speech

Duration : 3 hours

Tenses : Identification of tenses, Past tense, Present tense, Future tense, Indicators of tenses, Introduction to verb tenses, Past perfect, Past progressive, Past perfect progressive, Present perfect progressive, Future perfect, Future progressive

Duration : 3 hours

Articles : Introduction to articles, Exploring the usage of 'a', 'an' and 'the', Golden rules of articles, Differentiating between definite and indefinite articles, Understanding the exceptions of definite and indefinite articles

Duration : 3 hours

Vocabulary builder - Getting off a good start: How to test your present vocabulary, how to start building your vocabulary, how to talk about personality types, how to talk about doctors, how to talk about various practitioners, how to talk about science and scientists, how to talk about liars and liars. Each of these sessions includes origin of words and related words, Etymology, tools to assess and follow up the progress.

Duration : 3 hours

Writing Skills 1: Sentence Formation, Punctuation, Avoiding Cliché, Different Types of Writing Formats, Importance of Writing Skills, Formal and Informal Style of Writing

Duration : 3 hours

Sentences: Introduction to simple and compound sentences, Techniques to build simple and compound sentences, Rules for constructing a complex sentence, Introduction to punctuation, Introduction to active and passive voice

Duration : 3 hours

Preposition: Introduction to prepositions, Importance of usage of prepositions, Rectifying common errors in context to using preposition, Right usage of common prepositions like in, on, under, behind, below etc. **Conjunctions:** Introduction to conjunctions, Understanding the importance of usage of conjunctions, Usage of different conjunctions in a compound sentence, Understanding the meaning of conjunction like yet, since, until, however, but etc.

Duration : 3 hours

Vocabulary builder - Gaining increased momentum

How to talk about actions— Verbs that accurately describe human activities, excursions into expressive terms good and evil, doing saying, wishing and pleasing. **how to talk about various speech habits**— words that explore in depth all the degrees and kinds of talk and silence, **how to insult your enemies**— terms for describing a disciplinarian, toady, dabbler, provocative woman, flag-waver, possessor of a one track mind, free thinker, sufferer from imaginary ailments, various manias and phobias, **how to flatter your friends**— terms for describing friendliness, energy, honesty, mental keenness, bravery, charm, sophistication ,etc.

Duration : 3 hours

Writing Skills 2 : Format for e-mail writing. Format for Letter Writing. Some common errors. .Creative Writing. Blog Writing

Duration : 1 hours

Vocabulary builder - Finishing with a feeling of complete success.

How to talk about common phenomena and occurrences— Words for poverty and wealth, direct and indirect emotions, not calling spade a spade, banter and other light talk, animal like contentment, homesickness and different kind of secrecy. Excursions into terms expressive of goodness, of hackneyed

phraseology, of human similarity to various animals, of kinds of sound, etc. How to react to the new words you meet in your reading.

How to talk about what goes on - Verbs that show exhaustion, criticism, self-sacrifice, repetition, mental stagnation, hinting, soothing, sympathizing, indecision, etc. How you can increase your vocabulary by picking your friends brains.

How to talk about a variety of personal characteristics: Adjectives that describe insincere humility, dissatisfaction, snobbery, courtesy to women, financial embarrassment, sadness, etc. How increasing your vocabulary has begun to change the intellectual climate of life.

Duration : 2 hours

- Total number of hours = 27 hrs.

The above course outline is more of a run of the mill pattern. Let us look from a different perspective.

- **News papers**

Everyday - Random members will be called onstage and asked to share at least five items from the day's news paper else

- **Documentaries (technical & non technical)**

Every week either the students get to watch a documentary or a movie. these documentaries may be about sci-fi or eminent personalities or incidents in the world history.. we will have a collection of all of these but a serious environment is required for digestion.

- **Movies**

Every week we will have an inspirational movie shown to the students. Hostelites & localites logistics have to worked out. But a very effective way to impart English in the masses.

- **Novels**

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Every month a short novel will be given to a team in the class. we will try to utilize the present stock of books in the library. At least 15 unique novels per class. we can do this activity till the 2nd internals and then close it down.

- **Magazines**

Every week they need to browse through a magazine .. we could have two reading sections for the first years. (next to the deans office and symmetrical to that - a reading lobby - newspapers and magazines)

- **Cartoons**

- **comics**

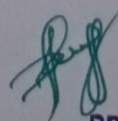
- **Group discussions**

Current typical interview topics will give them the required confidence.. last semester we introduced this in the BACCE - PHC course .. it was a great inspiration for many.

- **Sharing ideas**

Last 4-5 min of our session is reserved for students to shell out their ideas / plans / weird thoughts a very interesting thing

- **Games**



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