

**SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY**  
**EFFECTIVE ENGLISH SKILLS**

**SEMESTER I**

**COURSE : A.EES.1.01**

**EFFECTIVE ENGLISH SKILLS FOR COLLEGE: CRITICAL READING,  
THINKING AND WRITING. - PROSE ESSAYS**  
**[60 LECTURES ; TUTORIALS]**

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES :**

- To enable the student to acquire appropriate communication skills for effective college learning. Critical reading, thinking and writing are increasingly being seen as intertwined activities which constitute the foundation of university education. Hence the focus is on a variety of complex multicultural readings which raise ethical issues pertaining to contemporary situations.
- Through reading thought-provoking prose essays and literary writings in class, the student will be encouraged to develop independent critical responses. These ideas will be pursued as discussions as well as writing assignments in the tutorials.

Analysis of at least 10 prose texts from diverse fields such as literature, sociology, political science, media, psychology, history, popular science                      **[ 30 lectures]**

Written work assigned on the bases of texts studied above                                      **[ 15 tutorials]**

- Class presentations
  - Participation in discussion and debates
- (To test the students, analytical skills and verbal facility)                                      **[ 15 lectures]**

**Continuous Internal Assessment**

- Written assignment (film-based)

Mid Semester test

- Comprehension with objective / short answer questions and a writing component.

Semester End test

- Prose comprehension
- Essay (text-based)
- Argumentative essay or Creative Writing

## SEMESTER II COURSE : A.EES.2.01

### EFFECTIVE ENGLISH SKILLS FOR COLLEGE: CRITICAL READING, THINKING AND WRITING. - SHORT STORIES AND POEMS [60 LECTURES]

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- To enable the student to acquire appropriate communication skills for effective college learning. Critical reading, thinking and writing are increasingly being seen as intertwined activities which constitute the foundation of university education. Hence the focus is on a variety of complex multicultural readings which raise ethical issues pertaining to contemporary situations.
- Through reading thought-provoking short stories and poems in class, the student will be encouraged to develop independent critical responses. These ideas will be pursued as discussions as well as writing assignments in the tutorials.

I) Introduction to the short story form	[ 5 lectures]
II) Analysis of selected short fiction from diverse cultures	[ 10 lectures]
III) a. Creative writing – The short story	[ 5 lectures]
b. Criticism	[ 5 lectures]
IV) Introduction to poetry	[ 5 lectures]
V) Close reading of poetry	[15 lectures]
VI) Creative writing – Poetry	[5 lectures]
Critical appreciation	[ 10 lectures]

#### Continuous Internal Evaluation

- Class presentations on selected pieces of short fiction / poetry.

#### Mid semester test

- Poetry or short story writing based on an emotive piece of music or a painting.

#### Semester End Test

- Comprehension I (Short Story)
- Comprehension II (Poetry)
- Writing about personal reflections arising out of the selected readings

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