

Course Code	9999	Marks: 100	Non-Credit	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	English (Compulsory)			Exam Duration: 4 Hours

Aims and objectives of this course: To develop students' English language skills, to enable them to benefit personally and professionally. The four skills — listening, speaking, reading and writing will be integrated to encourage better language use.

1. **Reading and understanding** 5 4=20

Students will be expected to read passages that they might come across in their everyday life, such as newspapers, magazines, general books etc. Simple stories will also be included to give students a familiarity with different uses of the language.

[N.B. : 5 Questions are to be answered. Each question will carry 4 marks. There may be division in each question]

- a) Understanding different purposes and types of readings
- b) Guessing word-meaning in context.
- c) Understanding long sentences
- d) Recognizing main ideas and supporting ideas.
- e) Answering comprehension questions.
- f) Writing summaries.

2. **Writing** 40

- a) Writing correct sentences, completing sentences and combining sentences. 5
- b) Situational writing : Posters, notices, slogans, memos, advertisements etc. 4
- c) Paragraph writing : Structure of a paragraph; topic sentences; developing ideas; writing a conclusion; types of paragraphs (narrative, descriptive, expository, persuasive); techniques of paragraph development (such as listing, cause and effect, comparison and contrast). 8

Or,

- d) Newspaper writing : Reports, press releases dialogues etc.
- e) Writing resumes.

Or,

- f) Writing letters : Formal and informal letters, letters to the editor, request letters, job applications, complaint letters etc. 8
- g) Essay : Generating ideas; outlining; writing a thesis sentence; writing the essay: writing introductions, developing ideas, writing conclusions; revising and editing. 15

3. **Grammar** 25

- a) Word order of sentences.
- b) Framing questions.
- c) Tenses, articles, subject-verb agreement, noun-pronoun agreement, verbs, phrasal verbs, conditionals, prepositions and prepositional phrases, infinitives, participles, gerunds. (Knowledge of grammar will be tested through contextualised passages).
- d) Punctuation.

4. **Developing vocabulary** : Using the dictionary, suffixes, prefixes, synonyms, antonyms, changing word forms (from verb to noun etc.) and using them in sentences. 10

5. **Translation from Bengali to English.** 1×5=5

6. **Speaking skills** : Speaking skills should be integrated with writing and reading in classroom activities.

The English sound system; pronunciation skills; the IPA system; problem sounds, vowels, consonants and diphthongs; lexical and syntactic stress.

(Writing dialogue and practising it orally students can develop their speaking skill. Dialogue writing can be an item in writing test.)