



Department of English

Mahatma Gandhi University

Semester-III

(To be implemented from 2023-24 Batch onwards)

Open Elective Paper: English for Competitive Exams (ID)

Syllabus

2 Credits/ 2 hrs. of Instructions

Unit-I

1. Synonyms and Antonyms
2. Homographs, Homonyms and Homophones
3. Voice
4. Reported Speech
5. Subject-Verb agreement (Concord)
6. Question Tags
7. One Word substations/Idioms & Phrases (Phrasal Verbs)
8. Correct use of Articles & Prepositions

Unit-II

1. Verbal Ability
2. Error corrections
3. Verbal Analogies
4. Contractions
5. Reading Comprehension/Precise Writing
6. Simple/Complex/Compound Sentences
7. Degrees of Comparison
8. Be forms/Do forms/ Have Forms/Number/Gender

Reference Books:

1. Aarts, Bas (2011). *Oxford Modern English Grammar*. Oxford University Press. p. 410.
2. Adams, Valerie. (1973). *An introduction to modern English word-formation*. London: Longman.
3. *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1994.

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Examination Pattern:
(For 2 credit courses)

(a) Section wise and question wise marks allocation for External Exam **35 Marks**,

Section A

Answer any two out of four questions

2 x 5 =10Marks

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Section B

Answer all the questions

25Marks

5. (a) or (b)
6. (a) or (b)

Out of two questions, one question carries 12Marks and another question carries 13Marks each.

Internal Examinations

For the Internal Examinations **15Marks**, the marks allocation should be as follows:

- **10Marks** internal examinations with five multiple choice questions and five fill in the Blanks. Each question carries 1Marks each.

- **5 Marks** for Assignment.

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