



English Paper 1.3
Contemporary Studies in English Language
[Elective Course]

Semester: I	Credits: 4	Subject Code: MEG 12003	Lectures: 48
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Create awareness regarding the basic concepts and tools essential for systematic study of language
- Critically analyse some of the theoretical assumptions underlying language and enable them to apply the acquired linguistic skills in real life situations
- Apply their mind to researching and writing for academic papers and enhance literary and linguistic competence of learners
- Analyse the regional features of English pronunciation and discontinue incorrect practices
- Recall the syntactic features of the English language
- Develop confidence to apply the acquired linguistic skills in real life situations

Unit 1: Introduction to Linguistics	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction: What is Linguistics? Major branches of Linguistics (Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Computational linguistics, Historical linguistics), Linguistics in the 20th century: A short history• Ferdinand de Saussure's Structuralist View of Grammar:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Synchronic and Diachronic Studiesii) Langue and Paroleiii) Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relationsiv) IC Analysis• Chomsky's Theory of Transformational Generative Grammar:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Language acquisition: The Cognitivist approachii) Competence and Performanceiii) The Concepts of Kernel and Non- Kernel Sentences (i.e. Deep and Surface Structure)• Dell Hymes' Concept of Communicative Competence	

Unit 2: Phonology	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonemes of English: Description and Classification• The Concept of Allophones• Syllable: Structure and Types; Syllabic Consonants• Word Stress, Degrees of Stress, Stress Shift, Grammatical Stress• Sentence Stress: Use of Weak and Strong Forms, Tone Groups, The Concept	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of nucleus (types – end-placed and contrastive), Tone Accents • Intonation Patterns, Use of Tones, Grammatical and Attitudinal Function of Intonation 	
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Unit 3: Morphology	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts of Morpheme and Allomorph • Types of Morphemes- Free, Bound, Lexical, Grammatical, Inflectional, Derivational • Processes of Word Formation • Morphophonemic changes, Phonological and Morphological Conditioning • Problems of Morphological Analysis 	

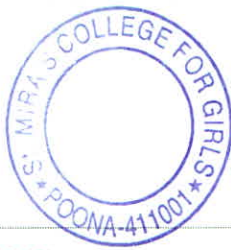
Unit 4: Syntax: A Descriptive View	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Grammar • Verbs and Verb Phrases • Nouns, Pronouns and Basic Noun Phrase • The Simple Sentence 	

#12 contact hours for Assignments, Visits, Research, Field Studies, etc.

Recommended Basic Reading:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balasubramanian, T., A. <i>Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students.</i> Macmillan, 1985 • Bansal, R. K. and J. B. Harrison. <i>Spoken English for India.</i> New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1972 • Leech, G N. <i>Principles of Pragmatics.</i> London: Longman, 1983 • Palmer, Frank. <i>Semantics.</i> Cambridge. CUP, 1982 • Quirk, R, S. Greenbaum. <i>A University Grammar of English.</i> London: Longman, 1973 • Verma and Krishnaswamy. <i>Modern Linguistics: An Introduction.</i> Oxford: OUP, 1989 • Yule, George. <i>The Study of Language (4th edition).</i> Cambridge University Press, 2010

Recommended Reference Books:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akmajian, et al. <i>Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication.</i> Prentice Hall of India: New Delhi, 1995 • Anderson, W. L. and Stageberg. N. C. <i>Introductory Readings on Language, Holt, Rinehart & Wilson (4th ed.).</i> New York, 1975 • Chomsky, Noam. <i>Aspects of the Theory of Syntax.</i> Cambridge: MIT Press, 1985. • Cook, Guy. <i>Applied Linguistics.</i> Oxford: OUP, 2003 • Crystal, David. <i>A Dictionary of Linguistics and Phonetics.</i> Cambridge: Blackwell.

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