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English Special III

An Introduction to the Study of the English Language

Semester VI	Subject Code: A61715	Lectures: 60
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Objectives:

- To familiarise students with different aspects of communication and the distinctive nature of human language as a means of communication
- To expose students to basic concepts in Modern Linguistics
- To acquaint students with the phonological, morphological and syntactic systems of the English language
- To enhance the grammatical competence of students along with the situational, contextual, social and cultural appropriateness of the language
- To introduce students to some advanced areas of English language study
- To equip the learners with skills in academic writing and editing

Unit 1: Sociolinguistics - Language and Society	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Variation / Dialects ○ Social Variation / Sociolects ○ Individual Variation / Idiolects ○ Stylistic Variation / (Different kinds of Styles) ○ Register • Language Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code – Switching / Code Mixing ○ Pidgins and Creoles 	

Unit 2: The Phonology of English	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word Stress • Weak Forms • Sentence Stress • Intonation 	

Unit 3: The Morphology of English	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Morphology? • Concept of a word • The structure of words • Morphemes & Allomorphs, Types of Morphemes • Processes of Word Formation: affixation, compounding, conversion, 	





clipping, blending, acronymy, back- formation	
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Unit 4: Basics of Academic Writing and Editing	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar and Punctuation - Review • Three types of academic essays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compare / Contrast ○ Cause / Effect ○ Argumentative • Research for Essay Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choosing a topic ○ Writing an outline ○ Finding source material (reliability) ○ Taking and organising Notes ○ Using appropriate language ○ Documenting Sources • Revising, Editing, Proof reading • Writing a Research Paper 	

***Assignments and library hours – 12 hours**

Recommended Text Books:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leech, Geoffrey and Jan Svartvik A Communicative Grammar of English (1975, rpt. 1992) Longman Group UK Ltd. 1975 (reprint 1994). • Bansal, R.K. and Harrison J.B.. Spoken English for India. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1972. • Balasubramaniam, T.A.. Text book of English Phonetics for Indian Students. Madras: Macmillan, 1992.

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