Department of PU Education, Karnataka State
English Course Book for First Year Pre University Course
Syllabus

Sl. No	Name of the Unit	Introduction	Objectives	No. of Hours/ Periods	Learning Outcome	Evaluation	Activities
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1.	The Gentleman of The Jungle	A fable with an underlying tone of irony; a comment on imperialism which curbs all resistance	This unit aims to sensitise students about oppression and colonisation and make them relate these issues to their surrounding situations in the Indian context. It also aims to make students aware of the variety of English as used in an African country like Kenya.	05	Students learn to relate the issues to the events familiar to them and learn the use of language in a specified context.	Through teaching and testing questions given in the comprehension part and going for extended activities	Language Exercises on Word Class or Parts of Speech
2.	The School Boy	A poem that speaks of education system, formal/informal way of learning and joy of learning in and from nature	This unit aims to raise the awareness of students about the limitations of formal education and make them think in terms of life skills they can obtain in the company of nature.	03	Students appreciate the attitude of the boy who deprecates the authority and enjoy reading the poem	Through teaching, testing and inferential questions that aim at bringing home the aesthetic and issue based values	Activities based on the suggestions in the 'Extended Activity'
3.	Around A Medicinal Creeper	An autobiographical narration based on real life experience that focuses on Indian traditional knowledge of plants with medicinal properties	This unit aims to make students know about the invaluable quality of plants as an effective cure for many diseases and raise their level of understanding about the living world around us. This unit also provides an insight into the process of translation.	06	Students gain knowledge about the traditional know how with relation to medicinal plants around them and also get an insight about the process of translation	Along with questions of traditional nature, testing learners' understanding of the text by taking them beyond it	Exercises on Word formation with the help of prefixes and suffixes

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4.	Oru Manushyan (A Man)	A short story with a twist in the end which depicts both prototype and multi-dimensional characters	This unit aims to teach students the different ways of looking at reality with the example of a thief in an inhuman situation. This helps in doing away with the students' prejudices about their fellow beings.	05	Students learn to look at a situation from different perspectives and comprehend the meaning of round characters in a story or in life.	Through teaching and testing questions given in the comprehension part and a number of questions that help to go beyond the text	Language Activities related to Synonyms and Antonyms
5.	Money Madness	A poem that raises the contemporary issue of being too materialistic and thereby becoming inhuman	This unit aims to make students look at the money-minded world in a new light. It also aims to make them realise the consequences of materialistic attitude and persuades them to think about the alternatives.	04	Students learn to identify the trends of modern society which aims to make money either by hook or by crook and learn about its evil consequences.	Through teaching, testing and global type of questions the learners can be tested in respect of the comprehension of the poem.	Activities that include presentation of views on the issues raised by the poet and identifying the linguistic structures
6.	Babar Ali	An inspirational essay that presents the case of a young boy who amidst despair and hopelessness brought hope and light in the lives of hundreds of poor children by starting a school	This unit aims to draw students' attention to the achievements of an Indian school boy who started a school for the poor children of his neighbourhood. It also draws their attention to the fact that he has been the world's youngest headmaster and stands as a model for our youth.	06	Students learn about Babar Ali, a young boy from West Bengal who brought dreams in the lives of hundreds of poor, dreamless children of his village.	Through teaching and testing questions given in the comprehension part and the questions framed by the teacher as an initiation to get into the text and to aid the understanding of the text	Activities related to Homophones and Homonyms

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7.	If I was a Tree	A poem that brings out the unwanted discrimination on the basis of caste in Indian social set up through an analogy	This unit aims to make students think about one of the basic problems in our society: the caste system. It also aims to make learners grasp the subtle and ironical tone of the speaker and respond to the issue of caste in an empathetic way. It gives the learners an opportunity to look at the nuances of language in poetry translation.	04	Students learn about the futility of human discrimination based on caste and other divisible forces and imbibe the ideal of being just a human being.	Using a number of MCQs to test the comprehension of the text and testing students' knowledge of mother tongue structures with the help of translated version and the original one.	Group discussion and debate on the issues raised by the poem
8.	Watchman of The Lake	A play let that brings out a commoner's attitude in respect of a water body which shall serve as an example to those who work for the conservation of natural resources	This unit aims to teach students the value of sacrifice for the good of community. It brings out the selfless act of a rustic person and teaches students to respect common people who achieve uncommon things through their compassion for the world around them.	08	Students learn about the sacrifices the modern world has to make in order to preserve and conserve natural resources.	Testing through comprehension questions of different level	Activities related to Idioms and Phrases, role play, enactment of the scenes of the play
9.	The Farmer's Wife	A poem that brings out the plight of a widow of a farmer who has committed suicide along with her will to struggle	This unit aims to make students aware of the problems of Indian farmers who are exploited by the many visible and invisible forces. It also teaches them the value of perseverance amidst odds and the need for self-assertion.	03	Students learn to think about the factors that cause farmers' suicides and also appreciate the widow's stand.	Testing through a number of teaching and testing questions and encouraging learners to ask questions related to the content	Group discussions related to farmers' suicides and reading poems with similar theme

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10.	Fredrick Douglass	An autobiographical narration of the life of an American slave which unravels the brutal face of slave holders and presents the wretched life of slaves	This unit aims to inform students about the inhuman treatment of humans in the name of colour. It also aims to teach students how a person, despite this, can rise to heights and achieve something with sheer faith in himself and by hard work.	05	Students learn about the slave trading which made life unliveable for millions of people and also learn to appreciate the writer's accomplishments amidst the hardships he faced.	Through a series of questions about the history of slave trading and with the help of teaching and testing questions	Exercises on the use of Phrasal Verbs
11.	An Old Woman	A poem that pictures a poor old woman who wants to live with dignity in a holy place	This unit aims to teach learners the dignity of labour. It aims to bring about a change in their attitude by presenting the example of an old woman who, with the magnanimity of her personality, makes others look dwarf.	03	Students learn to look at people around them in a different way and appreciate the poet's rendering of the old woman's personality which keeps growing through the poem.	Testing learners' knowledge of poetic devices through the examples from the text and outside the text	Collecting information about old people who are working to earn a living and sharing this information with others in the class
12.	Two Gentlemen of Verona	A short story that records the life of two young brothers who stand out with their struggle for life and their selfless, humane attitude towards life	This unit aims to teach the greatness of human spirit which refuses to yield to the difficulties of life. It also aims to teach how, amidst a hopeless situation, this spirit can retain its soundness and can encourage the love of life.	05	Students learn to acquire the fundamental qualities of optimistic struggle through which one can gain positive attitude and realise that both of these are mutually inclusive.	Through the questions given at the comprehension part and testing students' changed attitude with the subtle details in the text	Activities on the use of Collocations

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13.	Do not ask of Me, My Love	A poem that presents a romantic view of life on the one hand and a passionate and compassionate view of life on the other	This unit aims to sensitise learners about the more serious issues of life other than the world of love. It aims to bring them face to face with the burning realities around them and to persuade them to look at life in a different light.	03	Students learn to react to their world around them with a humane way of looking at things by becoming aware of the burning realities of life	Raising the aesthetic sense of the learners by asking them to read the poem with appropriate pause, intonation and pronunciation and testing with a lot of questions	Activities that include poetry reading, identifying poetic devices and rhythmic patterns