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**Course Title:** Basic English and Communication Skills

**Course Code:** HUT100

**Credits:** 3, **Marks:** 100

**Program/Semester:** BTech (Semester 1, All Branches)

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**Course Description:** Prescribed compulsorily for all branches of BTech (Semester 1), the course is designed to inculcate basic English communication skills in the undergraduate students. After introducing the foundational elements of English phonetics, it deals with word structure, vocabulary development, and some essential elements of grammar. Focusing on techniques and strategies for effective reading and writing, the course addresses the basic problems in textual comprehension and formal writing thereafter. To attain the outcomes of the course and fulfil the professional requirements of the engineering students, the pedagogical focus remains on active and interactive peer-based learning via the classroom exercises and tasks from the textbook and beyond.

**Course Objectives (COBs):** The course intends to help the students to

**COB1:** Get acquainted with the fundamentals of English phonetics.

**COB2:** Develop the vocabulary and grammar skills.

**COB3:** Learn and implement the strategies for effective reading comprehension.

**COB4:** Advance understanding and knowledge of structure and style of the formal writing.

**Course Outcomes (COs):** Upon the completion of this course, the students will be able to

**CO1:** Exhibit correct use of basic English phonetics (BTL 3).

**CO2:** Employ the vocabulary and grammar components properly in English communication (BTL 3).

**CO3:** Demonstrate effective reading and comprehension skills (BTL 5).

**CO4:** Compose paragraphs and essays using the formal writing strategies (BTL 6).

## **Contents**

### **Unit 1 English Phonetics (10 Hours)**

Sounds/Phonemes of English (Vowels and Consonants)

Phonemic Transcription of Simple Words

Syllable Structure

Word Stress

### **Unit 2 Vocabulary and Grammar (11 Hours)**

Word Formation (Prefixes and Suffixes) [Textbook Pages 4-8 and 57-62]

Synonyms and Antonyms [Textbook Pages 33-35]

Articles, Prepositions [Textbook Pages 8-15, 112-113, and 127-129]

Punctuation [Textbook Pages 19-22]

### **Unit 3 Reading (10 Hours)**

Techniques for Good Comprehension [Textbook Pages 40-42]

Skimming and Scanning [Textbook Pages 71-75]

Local and Global Comprehension [Textbook Pages 92-95]

Reading Prescribed Comprehension Passages [Textbook Pages 1-4, 29-33, and 40-42]

### **Unit 4 Writing (11 Hours)**

Phrases and Clauses [Textbook Pages 16-19]

Redundancies and Clichés [Textbook Pages 89-92 and 116]

Paragraph Writing [Textbook Pages 23-28 and 76-84]

Essay Writing [Textbook Pages 98-102]

## **Prescribed Readings**

1. N P Sudharshana and C Savitha, *English for Engineers*, Cambridge, 2018.
2. [dictionary.cambridge.org/help/phonetics.html](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/help/phonetics.html) [For Unit 1, Sounds of English]
3. [howjsay.com/](https://howjsay.com/) [For Unit 1, Transcription/Pronunciation]
4. [myenglishlanguage.com/linguistics-language-guide/english-phonology/syllables-and-stress/](https://myenglishlanguage.com/linguistics-language-guide/english-phonology/syllables-and-stress/) [For Unit 1, Syllable and Stress]