

MDSU/SYLLABUS

w.e.f. 2015-2016

B.A. Part-1/B.Sc. Part-1/ B. Com Part - I

English Language and Usage

Duration: 3 Hours

Min Pass Marks 36

M.M.

100

Objectives: This is Essentially a Language Based Course. It aims at making students read English prose with a view to enlarging their comprehension of the language and encouraging them to develop reading habits. It also aims at giving them basic skills in grammar widening their vocabulary. The Question paper will consist of 100 multiple choice questions of 1 mark each (OMR sheet system)

1. Comprehension and Vocabulary

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| A. | Questions based on content from the prescribed text | 15 |
| B. | Questions based on a passage from the prescribed text to test the candidate's comprehension and vocabulary. | 20 |
| C. | Questions based on an unseen passage to test the candidate's comprehension and vocabulary. | 15 |

(There will be text of essays and short stories between 100 and 120 pages in length. The text book prescribed is "Language Through Literature" (OUP, NEW DELHI)

2. Grammar

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| A. | Prepositions | 5 marks |
| B. | Direct & Indirect Speech | 5 marks |
| C. | Active-Passive Voice | 5 marks |
| D. | Joining Sentences | 5 marks |
| E. | Elements of a sentence | 5 marks |
| F. | Transformation of Sentences | 5 marks |
| G. | Modals | 5 marks |

H.	Tense Usage	5 marks
I.	Determiners	5 marks
J.	Common errors in English	5 marks

Books recommended

1. A.J. Thomson and A.V. Martinet : A practical English Grammar (Oxford Paper Back)
2. S. Pit Corder : Intermediate English Practice Book (Orient Longman)
3. Bhaskaran and Hordburgh : Strengthen Your English (OUP 1973)
4. T.I.H. Smith Pearce : The English Errors of Indian Students (OUP)
5. I.K. Sharma and V.D. Singh : A Practical Course of English (Ramesh Book Depot, Jaipur)