



Department of English
Osmania University

Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2018-19

BE I Year **English (Theory)** **HSMC 201**
(Common to all branches of **BE**)

Instruction: 2 hours per week

Credits: 2

Sessional Marks: 30

University Examination: 70 Marks

Duration of University Examination: 3 Hours

Course Objective:

To enhance the English language abilities of Engineering students, especially in reading and writing, by

- using authentic material for language learning
- exposing them to a variety of content-rich texts
- strengthening their grammar and vocabulary
- improving their reading and comprehension skills
- honing their writing skills
- encouraging them to think creatively and critically

Unit I

Reading: RK Narayan, "A Horse and Two Goats"

Vocabulary: Word formation – Prefixes, Suffixes, Root Words

Grammar: Articles, Prepositions, Determiners

Writing: Guided Writing (Expanding the outline/Writing from verbal cues)

Unit II

Reading: Rudyard Kipling, "If"

Vocabulary: Word formation – Compounding and Blending, Contractions

Grammar: Transitions, Connectives

Writing: Paragraph Writing

Unit III

Reading: Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a dream"

Vocabulary: Synonyms, Antonyms, One Word Substitutes

Grammar: Voice

Writing: Letter Writing

Unit IV

Reading: Robert Frost, "Road Not Taken"

Vocabulary: Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs

Grammar: Narration (Direct-Indirect Speech)

Writing: Report Writing

Unit V

Reading: George Orwell, "The Sporting Spirit" (Excerpt)

Vocabulary: Inclusive Language, Euphemisms

Grammar: Tense

Writing: SOP

Course Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, the student will be able to

- read, understand, and interpret a variety of written texts
- use appropriate vocabulary and correct grammar
- undertake guided and extended writing with confidence.

Suggested Reading

Board of Editors. *Language and Life: A Skills Approach*. Orient BlackSwan, 2018.

Sudharshana, NP and C Savitha. *English for Engineers*. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Kumar, Sanjay and Pushp Lata. *English Language and Communication Skills for Engineers*. Oxford University Press, 2018.