

Elective 1: B. Sc.

English through Non-Fiction

Subject Code: 02SL0201

Credits: 02

Semester: III

Course Description

The course intends to make the learners become better readers, writers and interpreters of non-fiction that includes speeches, interviews, and short articles. The course will help learners understand tone, perspective and purpose of the author, usage of language and the fine line between fact and fiction through audio, video and written text.

Course Objectives

This course will enable learners

1. to develop listening skills and answer comprehensive questions by applying the knowledge gained from the text;
2. to acquaint them with appropriate vocabulary and using the same vocabulary in different contexts;
3. to develop reading skills, by means of reading of different forms text relevant to non-fiction;
4. to develop writing skills focusing on the usage of language in the non-fictional text;
5. to construct a wide variety of sentences appropriate for non-fiction texts.

Unit 1: Structuring a Speech

1. Keynote Speech by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar at ISBA Conference 2016
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=932djuT6U7w>)

Unit 2: Tips for Interviews

1. A Leader Should know how to Manage – Dr. Abdul Kalam
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laGZaS4sdeU>)
2. Eureka with Indira Nath – Dr. Indira Nath
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvw--vqJYCK>)
3. Dr. Shubha Tole - *In Conversation*
4. Interview: Ramanujan Prize 2015 Recipient Amalendu Krishna
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCKZjibUeSA>)

Unit 3: Writing for Popular Media

1. 'The man who revolutionised white' – The Hindu

2. 'The force behind Agni V Launch' – The Economic Times
3. 'A Rare Bird' – India Today

Evaluation and Assessment

Teaching Scheme (Hours per week)	Evaluation Pattern					Total Marks
	Theory	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	
2	00	30	20	25	25	100

1. **IA will consist of the following components (30 marks):**
 - a. **Assignments (20 Marks):** Students will prepare three oral assignments.
 - b. **In-Class Participation (10 Marks)**
2. **CSE (20 marks):**
 - a. **(Term End Simulation):** Students will carry out simulated tasks at the end of the semester. It would comprise individual and group tasks.
3. **Viva (25 Marks):** Viva will be conducted at the end of the semester. It will be based on the CSE, Term Work, Assignments and topics covered in the syllabus.
4. **Term Work (25 Marks):**
 - a. **(Term-End Presentation):** Students will make a presentation based on topics provided by the faculty, at the end of the semester.

Recommended References

Reading About Different Scientists

<https://www.famousscientists.org/15-famous-indian-scientists-inventions/>

Unit 1

- 1) It's Time to Get Cerebral About Trauma – a Neuroscientist Leads the Way – Nadita Jayraj, *The Wire*
(<https://thewire.in/39473/its-time-to-get-cerebral-about-trauma-a-neuroscientist-leads-the-way/>)
- 2) "Yes, we can!! " by Dr. R A Mashelkar
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIReJ4DIFv4>)
- 3) Dr. R A Mashelkar
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fTc6N3a2M4>)

Unit 2

- 1) My Vision for India – Abdul Kalam
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMdxMRKKSAA0>)
- 2) Indira Nath: India's Top Scientist and the Fight Against Leprosy
(<http://scienceblogs.com/thescian/2008/03/06/indira-nath-indias-top-scienti/>)
- 3) Mumbai Local with Shubha Tole : Making The Blueprint to Build the Brain
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8f7rtpXnS4>)
- 4) State of Mind – Shubha Tole
(<http://tmguha.blogspot.in/>)
- 5) Unsung sheroes of INDIAN SCIENCE
(<http://csrvision.in/unsung-sheroes-of-indian-science-2/>)
- 6) Amalendu Krishna of TIFR wins Ramanujan Prize – The Hindu
(<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/amalendu-krishna-of-tifr-wins-ramanujan-prize/article7500639.ece>)
- 7) Promises to Keep – Amalendu Krishna – India Today
(<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/indian-scientists-at-forefront-of-research-amalendu-krishna/1/150686.html>)

Unit 3

- 1) Forbes India
Dr. Verghese Kurien – A Personal Tribute by Mitu Jayashankar
(<http://www.forbesindia.com/blog/business-strategy/dr-verghese-kurien-a-personal-tribute/>)
- 2) Tessy Thomas
(<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/tessy-thomas-drdo-hyderabad/1/186349.html>)
- 3) Salim Ali
(<http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/Bird-named-after-Salim-Ali/article14015954.ece>)