



English Special III
An Introduction to the Study of the English Language

Semester VI	Subject Code: A61715	Lectures: 60
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Objectives:

- To familiarise students with different aspects of communication and the distinctive nature of human language as a means of communication
- To expose students to basic concepts in Modern Linguistics
- To acquaint students with the phonological, morphological and syntactic systems of the English language
- To enhance the grammatical competence of students along with the situational, contextual, social and cultural appropriateness of the language
- To introduce students to some advanced areas of English language study
- To equip the learners with skills in academic writing and editing

Unit 1: Sociolinguistics - Language and Society

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- Language Variation
 - Regional Variation / Dialects
 - Social Variation / Sociolects
 - Individual Variation / Idiolects
 - Stylistic Variation / (Different kinds of Styles)
 - Register
- Language Contact
 - Code – Switching / Code Mixing
 - Pidgins and Creoles

Unit 2: The Phonology of English

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- Word Stress
- Weak Forms
- Sentence Stress
- Intonation

Unit 3: The Morphology of English

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- What is Morphology?
- Concept of a word
- The structure of words
- Morphemes & Allomorphs, Types of Morphemes
- Processes of Word Formation: affixation, compounding, conversion,





clipping, blending, acronymy, back- formation	
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Unit 4: Basics of Academic Writing and Editing	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar and Punctuation - Review • Three types of academic essays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compare / Contrast ○ Cause / Effect ○ Argumentative • Research for Essay Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choosing a topic ○ Writing an outline ○ Finding source material (reliability) ○ Taking and organising Notes ○ Using appropriate language ○ Documenting Sources • Revising, Editing, Proof reading • Writing a Research Paper 	

***Assignments and library hours – 12 hours**

Recommended Text Books:

- Leech, Geoffrey and Jan Svartvik A Communicative Grammar of English (1975, rpt. 1992) Longman Group UK Ltd. 1975 (reprint 1994).
- Bansal, R.K. and Harrison J.B.. Spoken English for India. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1972.
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