

Draft Syllabus for U. G. Alternative English
Tentative start from 2017-2018 Semester
West Bengal State University

Rationale:

Students opting for this course come from two very different streams of education: either they are students from English-medium schools and are well versed in the language, or they are students who have been compelled to opt for this course since they have no working knowledge of Bangla or Hindi, though English was their 2nd language at school level. The syllabus therefore has sought to arrive at a middle point where the needs of both the groups of students can be addressed. It aims to strengthen both the literary and communicative skills of the student.

Total marks: 50 marks

The sections of the syllabus will be as follows:

1. Literary skills: —10 marks

- a) Précis from a comprehension passage
- b) Vocabulary: Selection of the appropriate word from options provided to fill in the blanks in given sentences
- c) Note making/Writing - points on a topic of debate arguing for or against a given statement/ for a campaign

2. Writing:- 20 marks

- a) Students will be provided with points, hints, suggestions even pictures if possible for them to develop a story or situation/ report to be communicated in one or two paragraphs:15 marks
- b) Rewriting of sentences as directed: 5 marks

3. Reading, Listening, speaking:- 20 marks

- a) Making sentences with similar sounding words eg.firm, farm; here, hair; whether, weather etc.:10 marks for 5 pairs
- b) Answering questions orally on a brief and simple passage read out: 5 marks (4 questions)
- c) Extempore speaking on any current topic of student's own choice-films, relationships, current news etc. 5 marks
- d) Reading aloud- questions to be asked from the passage read

(Sections 3 b, 3c and 3d will be internally evaluated by the colleges)