

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY - TIRUPATI
Program: B.A. /B.Sc. /B.Com/BBA/BCA/B.A.(OL) Honours in
(GENERAL ENGLISH)
FIRST YEAR - II SEMESTER
(W.e.f. Academic Year 2023 - 24)

SKILL GENIE – II A COURSE IN READING AND WRITING SKILLS

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course the learner will be able to:

- Use reading skills effectively
- Comprehend different texts
- Interpret different types of texts
- Analyze what is being read
- Build up a repository of active vocabulary
- Use good writing strategies
- Write well for any purpose
- Improve writing skills independently for future needs

I. UNIT:

- Poetry:** 1. Ulysses – Alfred Lord Tennyson
- Skills:** 2. Vocabulary: Conversion of Words
3. One Word Substitutes
4. Collocations

II. UNIT:

- Prose:** 1. The Best Investment I Ever Made – A.J. Cronin
- Poetry:**
- Non-Detailed Text:** 2. Florence Nightingale - Abrar Mohsin
- Skills:** 3. Skimming and Scanning

III. UNIT

- Prose:** 1. The Night Train at Deoli - Ruskin Bond
- Poetry:** 2. Stopping By Woods on Snowy Evening –
Robert Frost
- Skills:** 3. Reading Comprehension
4. Note Making/Taking

IV. UNIT

- Poetry:** 1. Night of the Scorpion – Nissim Ezekiel
- Skills:** 2. Expansion of Ideas
3. Notices, Agendas and Minutes

V. UNIT

- Non-Detailed Text:** 1. An Astrologer's Day R K Narayan
- Skills:** 2. Curriculum Vitae and Resume
3. Letters
4. E-Correspondence

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THREE YEAR DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2023-2024

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM: SEMESTER – II

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Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 75

I) Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3X5=15)

a. What is Ulysses searching for in "Ulysses"?

b. Write Noun forms for the following words by adding a Suffix:

i) Child ii) Absorb iii) Noble iv) Lazy v) Smuggle

c. Write One Word Substitutes for the following.

i) A person who eats human flesh

ii) Something that cannot be changed

iii) One who speaks many languages

iv) One who never takes alcoholic drinks

v) One who looks at the dark side of things.

d. Match the following into appropriate collocations:

A

B

1. Cut () A. thrift

2. Name () B. throat

3. Spend () C. room

4. Bed () D. day

5. Birth () E. board

e. Explain: "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield"

II) Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3X5=15)

a. Summarize "The Best Investment I Ever Made" in your own words.

b. Write a note on the terrible conditions in the Crimean Hospitals.

c. Why was Florence Nightingale called "The Lady with the Lamp"?

d. What are the techniques of Skimming?

e. Discuss Scanning as the reading skill.

III) Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3X5=15)

a. Describe the author's second meeting with the basket selling girl.

b. Summarize the poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" in your own words.

c. Explain the climax of the short story “The Night Train at Deoli” in your own words.

d. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Children should be educated without pressure. They should enter into adulthood free from the damaging effects of tradition and fear. Free expression of thought should be given to the children. A child once asked Krishnamurthy: “Is it your hobby to give lectures? Don’t you get tired of talking? Why are you doing it?” Krishnamurthy replied: “I am glad you asked that question. You know, if you love something, you never get tired of it. I mean love in which there is no desire of wanting something out of it. If you are talking because you are getting something out of it-money, reward, sense of your importance-then there is weariness. Then it has no meaning because it is only self fulfillment, but if there is love in your heart, it is like a fountain, always giving fresh water”.

Questions

- a. How should children be educated?
- b. What according to Krishnamurthy is that one quality which makes one never to get tired?
- c. When does one get tired of doing something? Give two examples.
- d. How should the children enter into adulthood?
- e. Which word in the passage means ‘harmful’?

e. Make Notes on the following passage.

The human brain is spherical like a ball. It is divided into two halves called the two hemispheres. The right hemisphere controls the working of the left side of the body, while the left hemisphere controls the right side. Furthermore, each hemisphere controls certain kinds of mental activity. In most people reasoning or logical thinking and the learning of mathematics and languages are controlled by the left hemisphere while the abilities in the arts and crafts and in music, dance and sports are controlled by the right hemisphere.

IV) Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3X5=15)

- a. Describe the character of the ‘mother’ in the poem the “Night of the Scorpion”.
- b. Too many cooks spoil the broth. Expand the idea.
- c. How does Nissim Ezekiel present motherhood in the poem “Night of the Scorpion”?
- d. Imagine that you have been made in-charge to conduct Kabaddi competitions in your college. Prepare a notice inviting students to participate in the competitions.
- e. What are minutes and why are they important?

V) Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3X5=15)

- a. Justify the Title “An Astrologer’s Day”.

- b.** Prepare a CV for the post of a Lecturer in English in a Degree College.
- c.** Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about irregular tap water supply.
- d.** Explain the format/ structure/layout/components of a Resume.
- e.** What is E-Mail? Discuss its advantages. Why is it becoming popular media of communication?