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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The following modifications were incorporated in the syllabus for the academic year 2024-25. The same was communicated to the members of the Board of Studies and approval was taken.

**Unit I 1.0 Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills**

- 1.1 Role and Importance of Communication: Extra and Intra personal communication has been added to the existing sub topics which gives a comprehensive understanding of communication.
- 1.4 Addition of the sub-topic "Qualities of a team player" makes it more relevant for engineering students as they are expected to work in teams for all curricular and co-curricular activities in college. This topic will make them not only aware of the qualities of a good team player but also enable them to attune their behaviour accordingly.

**Unit-2 2.0 Listening and Speaking Skills**

- 2.2 Speaking skill: Projects/ topic related to different branches of engineering as an added topic caters to the specific needs of the students with relevance to their branch specific subject knowledge. Linking presentation skills this way prepares them for future job related challenges.

**Unit -3 3.0 Reading and Writing Skill**

- 3.1 Types of Reading comprehension- Global, Factual and Inferential is an added advantage to the students since it makes reading comprehension more specific. Testing students on Reading comprehension can now be done with precision enabling them to grasp the whole passage vividly.
- 3.2 Features of Writing- types of paragraph writing (problem/solution, process and argument) is relevant to engineering students, in line with the BTL and development of the student attributes making it a necessary skill to learn in writing.
- 3.3 Email Etiquette as a topic is relevant and the need of the hour for students as correspondence these days are through emails most of the time.

**Unit-4      4.0 Vocabulary Building and Grammar**

**4.1 Words often confused** can help the students learn the usage which enables them to make relatively less mistakes. Hence including this topic is good.

**4.2 Teaching types of sentences** (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative sentences) to students will go a long way in helping them to be precise while talking and writing in English.

**Unit 5      5.0 Reading for Appreciation of Literary texts**

**5.1 Prose text:** the prose text "The knowledge Society" by APJ Abdul Kalam is a good lesson just right for engineering students, hence can be included it in the syllabus.



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