

SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF LECTURER (10+2)

Functional English

Unit 1: Language and Linguistics

- **Nature of Language:** Definitions, Fundamental Notions, Design Features
- **Speech and Writing:** Differences and Functions
- **Origin of Language:** Theories and Anthropological Views
- **Language as a System:** Autonomy, Structure, Units, Components
- **Language as Communication:** Functions (Emotive, Conative, Referential, etc.)
- **Linguistic Sign:** Saussurean Dichotomies (Signifier-Signified, Langue-Parole, etc.)
- **Language and Cognition:** Linguistic Relativity, Language and Thought

Unit 2: Phonetics and Phonology

- **Branches of Phonetics:** Articulatory, Acoustic, Auditory, Instrumental
- **Speech Mechanisms:** Organs of Speech, Airstream Mechanisms (Pulmonic, Glottalic, Velaric)
- **Classification of Speech Sounds:** Vowels (Monophthongs, Diphthongs, Cardinal Vowels), Consonants (Place and Manner of Articulation), Liquids and Glides
- **Suprasegmentals:** Stress, Intonation, Tone, Juncture
- **Phonetics vs. Phonology:** Definition, Scope, and Differences
- **Phoneme and Allophones:** Minimal Pairs, Complementary Distribution, Free Variation
- **Phonological Processes:** Assimilation, Dissimilation, Epenthesis, Elision, Metathesis, Vowel Reduction
- **Distinctive Feature Theory:** Jakobson's Features, Chomsky & Halle's Features
- **Generative Phonology:** Underlying Representation, Surface Representation, Phonological Rules
- **Syllable Structure:** Onset, Nucleus, Coda, Syllable Weight, Phonotactics
- **Prosody and Intonation:** Patterns, Functions, Cross-Linguistic Variations

Unit 3: Morphology

- **Introduction to Morphology:** Definition, Scope, and Importance
- **Basic Concepts:** Morpheme, Morph, Allomorph, Zero Allomorph
- **Types of Morphemes:** Free and Bound Morphemes, Root, Stem, and Base
- **Morphological Processes:** Inflection, Derivation, Compounding, Reduplication, Blending, Clipping, Back-Formation, Acronyms

- **Morphophonemic Processes:** Sandhi, Alternations, Phonologically and Lexically Conditioned Allomorphs
- **Word Formation:** Nominalization, Verbalization, Affixation (Prefix, Suffix, Infix, Circumfix), Suppletion, Conversion
- **Inflection vs. Derivation:** Differences, Functions, Examples
- **Theoretical Approaches to Morphology:** Item-and-Arrangement, Item-and-Process, Word-and-Paradigm
- **Lexeme and Word Forms:** Lexical Morphology, Paradigmatic Relations
- **Morpho-Syntactic Interactions:** Causatives, Passives, Agreement Phenomena

Unit 4: Syntax

- **Introduction to Syntax:** Definition, Scope, and Importance
- **Basic Syntactic Units:** Word, Phrase, Clause, Sentence
- **Parts of Speech:** Traditional and Structural Classifications
- **Phrase Structure:** Noun Phrase, Verb Phrase, Adjective Phrase, Adverbial Phrase, Prepositional Phrase
- **Constituency and Constituency Tests:** Substitution, Movement, Coordination, Ellipsis
- **Sentence Types:** Simple, Compound, Complex, Compound-Complex
- **Basic Sentence Functions:** Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory
- **Grammatical Relations:** Subject, Object, Predicate, Complement, Adjunct
- **Case and Agreement:** Nominative, Accusative, Ergative, Dative, Genitive; Subject-Verb Agreement
- **Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG):** Deep Structure, Surface Structure, Transformations
- **X-Bar Theory:** Head, Complement, Specifier, Adjunct
- **Theta Theory:** Thematic Roles (Agent, Theme, Experiencer, Goal, Source)
- **Binding Theory:** Anaphors, Pronouns, R-Expressions, Binding Principles
- **Movement and Constraints:** Wh-Movement, NP-Movement, Head-Movement, Subjacency
- **Minimalist Program:** Spell-Out, Feature Checking, Economy Principles
- **Word Order:** SVO, SOV, VSO, Free Word Order Languages

Unit 5: Semantics and Pragmatics

- **Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics:** Definition, Scope, and Importance
- **Types of Meaning:** Lexical vs. Grammatical Meaning, Conceptual vs. Associative Meaning
- **Sense Relations:** Synonymy, Antonymy, Hyponymy, Polysemy, Homonymy
- **Denotation and Connotation:** Referential vs. Contextual Meaning
- **Ambiguity in Meaning:** Lexical Ambiguity, Structural Ambiguity

- **Componential Analysis:** Semantic Features and Meaning Decomposition
- **Semantic Roles (Theta Roles):** Agent, Theme, Experiencer, Goal, Source, Instrument
- **Truth-Conditional Semantics:** Propositions, Truth Values, Entailment, Presupposition
- **Compositionality Principle:** Meaning of a Sentence as the Sum of Its Parts
- **Speech Act Theory:** Locutionary, Illocutionary, Perlocutionary Acts
- **Pragmatics and Context:** Sentence Meaning vs. Utterance Meaning
- **Deixis and Reference:** Person, Spatial, Temporal Deixis, Indexicals
- **Gricean Maxims of Conversation:** Quantity, Quality, Relevance, Manner
- **Presupposition and Implicature:** Conventional vs. Conversational Implicature
- **Politeness Theory:** Face-Threatening Acts, Positive and Negative Politeness Strategies
- **Discourse and Pragmatics:** Cohesion, Coherence, Discourse Markers
- **Applications of Semantics and Pragmatics:** NLP, Lexicography, Language Teaching, AI and Chatbots

Unit 6: Language Acquisition and English Language Teaching (ELT)

- **Introduction to Language Acquisition and ELT:** Scope, Importance, and Interconnection
- **First Language Acquisition (L1):** Stages (Babbling, One-Word, Two-Word, Telegraphic), Critical Period Hypothesis
- **Theories of Language Acquisition:** Behaviorist (Skinner), Nativist (Chomsky), Cognitive (Piaget), Social Interactionist (Vygotsky)
- **Second Language Acquisition (SLA):** Contrast with L1, Interlanguage, Fossilization, Affective Factors
- **Theories of SLA:** Monitor Model (Krashen), Input Hypothesis, Output Hypothesis (Swain), Connectionist Approach
- **Factors Affecting Language Learning:** Age, Motivation, Personality, Learning Styles, Social Context
- **Methods and Approaches in ELT:** Grammar-Translation Method, Direct Method, Audio-Lingual Method, Communicative Language Teaching (CLT), Task-Based Learning (TBL), Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
- **Teaching Language Skills:** Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing – Methods, Strategies, Challenges
- **Lesson Planning and Classroom Management:** Structuring a Lesson, Error Correction, Feedback Mechanisms
- **ELT in Multilingual Classrooms:** Code-Switching, Translanguaging, Role of L1 in L2 Teaching
- **Syllabus and Curriculum Design:** Structural, Functional, Communicative, Task-Based Syllabi

- **Language Testing and Assessment:** Formative vs. Summative Assessment, Types of Tests (Diagnostic, Achievement, Proficiency), Washback Effect
- **Technology in ELT:** Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL), Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL), AI in Language Learning
- **Challenges in ELT:** Large Classrooms, Lack of Resources, Motivation, Cultural Sensitivity

Unit 7: Communication Skills

- **Introduction to Communication:** Definition, Process, Importance in Professional and Business Settings
- **Theories of Communication:** Linear, Interactive, Transactional Models
- **Types of Communication:** Verbal, Non-Verbal
- **Barriers to Effective Communication:** Psychological, Linguistic, Cultural, Organizational
- **Spoken Communication in Professional Settings:** Formal vs. Informal Speech, Clarity, Tone, Register
- **Public Speaking and Presentation Skills:** Structuring a Speech, Voice Modulation, Body Language
- **Listening Skills:** Active Listening, Barriers to Listening, Strategies for Effective Listening
- **Interpersonal Communication:** Conversations, Negotiations, Persuasion Techniques
- **Meetings and Discussions:** Conducting Meetings, Group Discussions, Conflict Resolution
- **Telephonic and Virtual Communication:** Business Calls, Teleconferencing, Video Conferencing Etiquette
- **Written Communication in Professional Settings:** Characteristics of Effective Writing, Clarity, Conciseness, Tone
- **Business Correspondence:** Emails, Memos, Notices, Circulars, Reports, Proposals
- **Resume and Job Application Writing:** Cover Letters, Statement of Purpose, Personal Branding
- **Report Writing:** Types of Reports, Structure, Writing Strategies, Summarization Techniques
- **Technical Writing and Documentation:** Manuals, Instructions, Abstracts, Research Papers
- **Digital Communication and Social Media Etiquette:** Professional Networking, Online Business Communication
- **Cross-Cultural Communication:** Sensitivity, Inclusivity, Business Communication Across Cultures

- **Ethics in Communication:** Plagiarism, Confidentiality, Professional Integrity

Unit 8: Sociolinguistics

- **Introduction to Sociolinguistics:** Definition, Scope, and Importance
- **Language and Society:** Interrelationship Between Language and Social Structures
- **Speech Communities:** Definition, Characteristics, Communicative Competence
- **Language Variation:** Dialects, Sociolects, Idiolects, Register, Jargon, Slang
- **Diglossia and Code-Switching:** Bilingual and Multilingual Contexts, Functional Distribution of Languages
- **Language Contact Phenomena:** Borrowing, Pidginization, Creolization, Language Convergence
- **Linguistic Relativity and Determinism:** Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis, Language and Thought
- **Language Change and Shift:** Causes, Patterns, Language Death, Language Revitalization
- **Bilingualism and Multilingualism:** Types, Effects on Cognition and Society
- **Language and Identity:** Ethnicity, Gender, Class, Nationalism in Linguistic Practices
- **Language Planning and Policy:** Status and Corpus Planning, Language Standardization
- **Sociolinguistic Theories:** Variationist Approach (Labov), Ethnography of Speaking (Hymes), Accommodation Theory
- **Politeness and Pragmatics:** Face-Threatening Acts, Positive and Negative Politeness Strategies
- **Language and Power:** Linguistic Imperialism, Political Discourse, Media Influence
- **Linguistic Landscapes:** Public Signage, Official Language Policies, Language in Urban Spaces
- **Applications of Sociolinguistics:** Education, Media, AI, Legal and Healthcare Communication

Unit 9: Media Writing

- **Media Writing: An Overview:** Writing for Print, Digital, and Broadcast Media
- **News Writing and Journalism:** News Values, Structure of a News Report, Headlines, Leads
- **Editorial and Opinion Writing:** Editorials, Columns, Feature Articles, Reviews
- **Advertising and Copywriting:** Persuasive Language, Slogans, Jingles, Brand Messaging
- **Scriptwriting for Radio, Television, and Podcasts:** Formatting, Dialogue Writing, Voice Modulation

- **Press Releases and Public Relations Writing:** Corporate Communication, Press Notes, Crisis Communication
- **Digital Media and Content Writing:** Blogging, Social Media Content, SEO Writing