

## **B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture**

### **SEMESTER-II**

#### **Syllabus: Comprehension and Communication Skills in English**

**Paper Code: LN103**

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Comprehension: Text for comprehension, Current English for Colleges, By N. Krishnaswamy & T. Sriraman, Macmillan India Limited, Madras, 1995; War Minus shooting - The sporting spirit George Orwell (a) Reading Comprehension (b) Vocabulary - Synonyms - Antonyms - Often confused words and (c) Two exercises to help the students in the enrichment of vocabulary based on TOEFL and GRE and other competitive examinations. A Dilemma - A layman looks at science, Raymond B. Fosdick (a) Reading Comprehension (b) Vocabulary - Homonyms and Homophones (c) Exercises on Figurative language & Idiomatic language (E.g.: dust and ashes, doorstep of doom, boundaries of knowledge, Apple of one's eye, in a fix, etc). You and Your English – Spoken English and Broken English G.B. Shaw (a) Reading Comprehension (b) language study, Functional Grammar, Agreement of verb with subject. Written Skills: Mechanics of good letter, Effective official correspondence, Personal Correspondence. Preparation of Curriculum vitae and Job applications. Precise writing and synopsis writing. Interviews, Types of interviews, purpose, different settings, as interviewer, interviewee, physical makeup and manners, appearance, poise, speech, self reliance. Grammar- Use of articles; Prepositions, Tenses, Vocabulary, Synonyms, Antonyms, One word substitutions, Idioms and Phrases.

**Practical:** Listening Comprehension: listening to short talks, lectures, speeches (scientific, commercial and general in nature) Practical: listening to at least two tape, recorded conversations aimed at testing the listening comprehension of students; Communication: Spoken English, oral communication, importance of stress and intonation. Practical: Spoken English practice by using audiovisual aids, the essentials of good conversations, oral exercises in conversation practice Pronouncing words with stress; Speaking phrases and sentences with intonation; situational conversation - In a classroom, At a bank, At a friend's place, At a Doctor's clinic, at a restaurant, at the Market); Oral Presentation of Reports: Seminars and conferences, features of oral presentation, regulating speech, physical appearance, body language posture, eye contact, voice, audience, preparation of visual aids. Practical: One presentation by individual on the given topic related to agriculture like W.T.O, Developing new technologies in Agriculture, Biofertilizers, etc.; Evaluation of a Presentation: evaluation sheet, other strategies to be considered for evaluating a presentation, Practical: Mock evaluation of a presentation; Dyadic communication, face to face conversation, Telephonic conversation, rate of speech, clarity of voice, speaking and listening politeness, telephone etiquette, Practical: Practice of Telephonic conversation; Reading skills, using Dictionary, reading dialogues, rapid reading, intensive reading, improving reading skills; Group Discussions and Debates on current topics; Practical examination.

#### **Reference Books:**

1. N. Krishnaswamy and T. Sriraman, Current English for Colleges, Macmillan India Limited.
2. George Orwell, War Minus the shooting - The sporting spirit.
3. Wren and Martin, High School English Grammar & Composition, S. Chand and Co. Publication.
4. SP Robbin, Organizational Behavior, Pearson Prentice Hall.