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Anna University, Tamil Nadu
B.E./B.Tech MECH Sem 1 syllabus

Technical English

HS5151 TECHNICAL ENGLISH

UNIT I INTRODUCING ONESELF

Listening: Listening and filling a form, listening to speeches by specialists from various branches of engineering and completing activities such as answering questions, identifying the main ideas of the listening text, style of the speaker (tone and tenor) – Speaking: Introducing oneself –introducing friend/ family - Reading: Descriptive passages (from newspapers / magazines)- Writing: Writing a paragraph (native place, school life)- Grammar: Simple present, present continuous – Vocabulary Development: One word substitution

UNIT II DIALOGUE WRITING

Listening: Listening to conversations (asking for and giving directions) –Speaking: making conversation using (asking for directions, making an enquiry), Role plays-dialogues- Reading: Reading a print interview and answering comprehension questions- Writing: Writing a checklist, Dialogue writing- Grammar: Simple past – question formation (Wh-questions, Yes or No questions, Tag questions)-Vocabulary Development: Stress shift, lexical items related to the theme of the given unit.

UNIT III FORMAL LETTER WRITING

Listening: Listening to speeches by famous people and identifying the central message of the speech – answering multiple-choice questions)-Speaking: Giving short

talks on a given topic-

Reading: Reading motivational essays on famous engineers and technologists (answering open-ended and closed questions)-Writing: Writing formal letters/ emails (Complaint letters)-Grammar:

Future Tense forms of verbs, subject and verb agreement-Vocabulary Development: Collocations
- Fixed expressions

UNIT IV WRITING COMPLAINT LETTERS

Listening: Listening to short talks (5 minutes duration and fill a table, gap-filling exercise) note taking/note making- Speaking: Small group discussion, giving recommendations-Reading: Reading problem - solution articles/essays drawn from various sources- Writing: Making recommendations - Writing a letter/ sending an email to the Editor-note making- Grammar: Modals
- Phrasal verbs - cause and effect sentences- Vocabulary Development: Connectives, use of cohesive devices in writing, technical vocabulary.

UNIT V WRITING DEFINITIONS AND PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Listening: Listening to a product description (labeling and gap filling) exercises- Speaking: Describing a product and comparing and contrasting it with other products- Reading: Reading graphical material for comparison (advertisements)-Writing: Writing Definitions (short and long) - compare and contrast paragraphs- Grammar: Adjectives - Degrees of comparison - compound nouns- Vocabulary Development: Use of discourse markers - suffixes (adjectival endings).

TEXTBOOK:

1. Revised Edition of 'English for Engineers and Technologists'
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