



**Department of English**  
**TELANGANA UNIVERSITY**

**English (First Language)**

under the Reorganized CBCS with effect from AY 2023–24

**PROPOSED SYLLABUS FOR UG 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semesters**

PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOK FOR SEMESTERS I AND II:

**Prowess in English.** Edited by K.V. Ramanachary and P. Samata.

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**SEMESTER I**

**UNIT 1**

POETRY: ‘If–’ by Rudyard Kipling • PRONUNCIATION: Consonant Sounds • GRAMMAR: Nouns • VOCABULARY: Word Roots • SPELLING: Identifying Correct Spellings • SPEAKING: Introducing Oneself • READING: Bathukamma • WRITING: Guided Writing • SKILLS AND VALUES: Know Thyself

**UNIT 2**

ESSAY: ‘A Fellow Traveller’ by Alfred George Gardiner • PRONUNCIATION: Monophthongs • GRAMMAR: Pronouns • VOCABULARY: Prefixes and Suffixes • SPELLING: Forming Antonyms with ‘dis–’ and ‘un–’ • SPEAKING: Starting and Controlling a Conversation • READING: Basara Temple • WRITING: Sequencing • SKILLS AND VALUES: Hard Work Never Goes in Vain

**UNIT 3**

FICTION: ‘Girl’ by O. Henry • PRONUNCIATION: Diphthongs • GRAMMAR: Main Verbs and Tenses • VOCABULARY: Homophones, Homonyms, Homographs • SPELLING: Spelling Words with ‘–tion’ and ‘–sion’ • SPEAKING: Taking about Your College • READING: Fort Ramalayam • WRITING: Paragraph Writing • SKILLS AND VALUES: Developing a Positive Attitude

**UNIT 4**

DRAMA: *The Proposal* by Anton Chekov • PRONUNCIATION: Varied Pronunciations of English Letters • GRAMMAR: Helping Verbs • VOCABULARY: Collocation • SPELLING: Spelling Words with ‘–tion’ and ‘–ment’ • SPEAKING: Leaving a Voice Message • READING: Nizam Sugar Factory • WRITING: Dialogue Writing • SKILLS AND VALUES: First Deserve, Then Desire

## SEMESTER II

### UNIT 5

POETRY: 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley • PRONUNCIATION: Plosives • GRAMMAR: Non-finite Verbs • VOCABULARY: Simile and Metaphor • SPELLING: Spelling Words with 'ei' and 'ie' • SPEAKING: Asking for Advice and Information • READING: Pochampadu Project • WRITING: Note-taking and Note-making • SKILLS AND VALUES: Improving Perception

### UNIT 6

ESSAY: 'Tolerance is a Moral Virtue' by Rivka Witenberg • PRONUNCIATION: Fricatives • GRAMMAR: Adjectives • VOCABULARY: Oxymoron and Hyperbole • SPELLING: Spelling Words with '-able' and '-ible' • SPEAKING: Making a Request, and Accepting or Refusing a Request • READING: Ankapur Village • WRITING: Informal Letters • SKILLS AND VALUES: A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

### UNIT 7

FICTION: 'The Gift of the Magi' by O. Henry • PRONUNCIATION: Affricates and Nasals • GRAMMAR: Articles • VOCABULARY: Portmanteau Words and Loan Words • SPELLING: Spelling Words with '-ic', '-ive', '-ity', '-al', '-ance', '-ence' • SPEAKING: Meeting Skills • READING: Hyderabad Cuisine • WRITING: Formal Letters • SKILLS AND VALUES: Body Language

### UNIT 8

DRAMA: *The Merchant of Venice*, Act IV, Scene I by William Shakespeare • PRONUNCIATION: Approximants • GRAMMAR: Adverbs • VOCABULARY: Palindromes • SPELLING: Varied Forms of Words • SPEAKING: Interview Skills • READING: Telangana Crops • WRITING: Business Letters • SKILLS AND VALUES: Failures Are the Stepping Stones to Success



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**SYLLABUS FOR UG 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTERS**

**Semester III**

**UNIT 1**

POETRY: 'Where the Mind Is Without Fear' by Rabindranath Tagore – PRONUNCIATION: Plural endings and past tense endings – GRAMMAR: Prepositions – VOCABULARY: Anagrams – SPELLING: Difficult Words – PUNCTUATION: Capitalisation – CONVERSATION: An argument between two/three people about the right way to approach life – READING PASSAGE: Architectural wonders of Telangana – WRITING: Narrative writing/essay – SOFT SKILLS: Negotiation – VALUE EDUCATION: Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst

**UNIT 2**

PROSE: 'Shyness My Shield' by M.K. Gandhi – PRONUNCIATION: Syllable – GRAMMAR: Conjunction – VOCABULARY: Phrasal verbs – SPELLING: Irregular verbs – PUNCTUATION: Comma – CONVERSATION: Friends sharing the experience of being caught in embarrassing situations – READING PASSAGE: Deccan Plateau and Telangana geography – WRITING: Argumentative writing/essay – SOFT SKILLS: Decision-making – VALUE EDUCATION: Better late than never

**UNIT 3**

SHORT FICTION: 'My Financial Career' by Stephen Leacock – PRONUNCIATION: Consonant cluster – GRAMMAR: Active and passive voice – VOCABULARY: Idioms – SPELLING: Irregular verbs past tense – PUNCTUATION: Full stop – CONVERSATION: Learning to open an account in a bank and net banking – READING PASSAGE: Culinary delights of Telangana – WRITING: Rhyming couplets – SOFT SKILLS: Problem-solving – VALUE EDUCATION: Early bird catches the worm

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**Semester IV**

**UNIT 3**

POETRY: ‘Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening’ by Robert Frost – PRONUNCIATION: Word stress: prefixes – GRAMMAR: Direct and indirect speech – VOCABULARY: Eponyms – SPELLING: Words commonly used in cinema, TV, media – PUNCTUATION: Punctuating dialogue – CONVERSATION: Friends discussing their unique hobbies – READING PASSAGE: Uniqueness of Telangana language(s) – WRITING: Personal diary/journal writing – SOFT SKILLS: Teamwork – VALUE EDUCATION: God helps those who help themselves

**UNIT 5**

PROSE: ‘Isaac Newton’ by Nathaniel Hawthorne – PRONUNCIATION: Word stress: suffixes – GRAMMAR: Change of degrees of comparison – VOCABULARY: Words often confused – SPELLING: Words with silent letters – PUNCTUATION: Short fiction passage with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – CONVERSATION: How people behave when unexpected/unwelcome guests arrive – READING PASSAGE: Life of common people in Telangana – WRITING: Expository writing/essay – SOFT SKILLS: Emotional intelligence – VALUE EDUCATION: Actions speak louder than words

**UNIT 6**

SHORT FICTION: ‘The Postmaster’ by Rabindranath Tagore – PRONUNCIATION: Contractions – GRAMMAR: Types/structures of sentences – VOCABULARY: Alliteration, duplication, rhyming words – SPELLING: Doubling of consonants – PUNCTUATION: Short prose passage with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – CONVERSATION: Students share the experience of visiting different places during their vacation – READING PASSAGE: Telangana’s global presence – WRITING: Article for a magazine/newspaper – SOFT SKILLS: Critical thinking – VALUE EDUCATION: There is no time like the present

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**SYLLABUS FOR UG 1, 2 & 3 YEARS**

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**SEMESTER I**

**UNIT 1**

**SHORT FICTION:** “The Thief” by Ruskin Bond – **PRONUNCIATION:** Consonant Sounds – **GRAMMAR:** Noun – **VOCABULARY:** Roots – **SPELLING:** Pick out the words which have been wrongly spelt and correct them – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Introducing yourself in a formal or social context to strangers – **READING PASSAGE:** Nizamabad: Folk Element – **WRITING:** Guided Writing / Expansion – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** Know Thyself / Self Discovery

**UNIT 2**

**PROSE:** “A Fellow Traveller” by Alfred George Gardiner – **PRONUNCIATION:** Vowel: monophthongs – **GRAMMAR:** Pronoun – **VOCABULARY:** Prefix and suffix – **SPELLING:** Use ‘un’ or ‘dis’ to complete the antonyms – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Starting a conversation/controlling a conversation – **READING PASSAGE:** Historic Temple: Basara – **WRITING:** Sequencing – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** Hard work never goes in Vain

**UNIT 3**

**POETRY:** “An Irish Airman foresees His Death” by W. B. Yeats – **PRONUNCIATION:** Vowel Diphthongs – **GRAMMAR:** Helping verbs – **VOCABULARY:** Homophones, homonyms, homographs – **SPELLING:** Complete the words using ‘tion’ or ‘sion’ – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Describing your college and course of study – **READING PASSAGE:** Nizamabad: Historic Monument (Quila Ramalayam) – **WRITING:** Paragraph/descriptive writing – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** Developing Positive Attitude

## **UNIT 4**

**DRAMA:** “The Death Trap” by H. H. Munro – **PRONUNCIATION:** Varied pronunciation of some letters of the Alphabet – **GRAMMAR:** Main verbs and tenses – **VOCABULARY:** Collocation – **SPELLING:** Complete the following spellings using ‘tion’ or ‘ment’ – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Leaving a message on the answering machine/making an appointment on telephone – **READING PASSAGE:** Nizamabad: Natural Resources (Sugar Factory) – **WRITING:** Dialogue – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** First Deserve then Desire

## **SEMESTER II**

## **UNIT 5**

**SHORT FICTION:** “The Gift of the Magi” by O Henry – **PRONUNCIATION:** Plosives – **GRAMMAR:** Non finite Verbs – **VOCABULARY:** Simile and Metaphor – **SPELLING:** Complete the following using ‘ei’ or ‘ie’ – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Asking for advice/ asking for information – **READING PASSAGE:** Telangana: Projects (Pochampadu) – **WRITING:** Note taking & Note making – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** Improving Perception

## **UNIT 6**

**PROSE:** “A Vision for 2020” by APJ Abdul Kalam – **PRONUNCIATION:** Fricatives – **GRAMMAR:** Adjectives – **VOCABULARY:** Oxymoron and hyperbole – **SPELLING:** Complete the following with ‘able’ or ‘ible’ – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Making a request/ accepting or refusing a request – **READING PASSAGE:** Nizamabad: Famous Village (Ankapur) – **WRITING:** Informal Letter – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** A Stitch in Time saves Nine

## **UNIT 7**

**POETRY:** “Success is Counted Sweetest” by Emily Dickinson – **PRONUNCIATION:** Affricates and nasals – **GRAMMAR:** Articles – **VOCABULARY:** Oxymoron and hyperbole – **SPELLING:** Complete the following spellings using one of the following suffixes: ‘-ic’, ‘-ive’, ‘-ity’, ‘-al’ ‘-ance’, ‘-ence’ – **CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY:** Conducting a meeting/seeking opinion of team members – **READING PASSAGE:** Hyderabad Cuisine: Famous Dishes – **WRITING:** Formal Letter – **SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION:** Body Language

## **UNIT 8**

**DRAMA:** “Merchant of Venice”, Act IV, Scene I” by William Shakespeare – **PRONUNCIATION:** Lateral, frictionless continuants, semi vowels – **GRAMMAR:**

Adverbs – VOCABULARY: Palindromes – SPELLING: Complete the spellings in the following table

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
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– CONVERSATION + ROLE PLAY: Appearing for a job interview/conducting a job interview – READING PASSAGE: Telangana Crops – WRITING: Business letter – SOFT SKILLS + VALUE EDUCATION: Failures are Stepping Stones to Success

### SEMESTER III

#### UNIT 1

SHORT FICTION: “An Astrologer’s Day” by R. K. Narayan – PRONUNCIATION: Plural endings and past tense endings – GRAMMAR: Preposition – VOCABULARY: Anagrams – SPELLING: Difficult Words – PUNCTUATION: Capitalization – CONVERSATION: An argument between two/three people about the right way to approach life – READING PASSAGE: Architectural wonders of Telangana – WRITING: narrative writing/narrative essay – SOFT SKILLS: Negotiation – VALUE EDUCATION: Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst

#### UNIT 2

PROSE: “Playing the English Gentleman” by M.K. Gandhi – PRONUNCIATION: Syllable – GRAMMAR: Conjunction – VOCABULARY: Phrasal verbs – SPELLING: Irregular verbs – PUNCTUATION: Comma – CONVERSATION: Friends sharing the experience of being caught in embarrassing situations – READING PASSAGE: Deccan plateau and Telangana Geography – WRITING: Debate writing/ argumentative essay – SOFT SKILLS: Decision making – VALUE EDUCATION: Better late than never

#### UNIT 3

POETRY: “In the Bazaars of Hyderabad”: Sarojini Naidu – PRONUNCIATION: consonant cluster – GRAMMAR: active and passive voice – VOCABULARY: Idioms – SPELLING: irregular verbs past tense – PUNCTUATION: Full stop – CONVERSATION: Learning to open an account in a bank and net banking – READING PASSAGE: Culinary delights of Telangana – WRITING: Rhyming couplets – SOFT SKILLS: Problem solving – VALUE EDUCATION: Early bird catches the worm

### SEMESTER IV

#### UNIT 3

DRAMA: “Before Breakfast” by Eugene O’Neill – PRONUNCIATION: word stress— prefix – GRAMMAR: direct and indirect speech – VOCABULARY: Eponyms – SPELLING: words commonly used in cinema, TV, media – PUNCTUATION: 15 lines of

drama/dialogue for punctuation – **CONVERSATION:** 5 friends discussing their unique hobbies – **READING PASSAGE:** Uniqueness of Telangana language(s) – **WRITING:** Personal Diary/journal writing – **SOFT SKILLS:** Team work – **VALUE EDUCATION:** God helps those who help themselves

## **UNIT 5**

**BIOGRAPHY:** “Isaac Newton” by Nathaniel Hawthorne – **PRONUNCIATION:** word stress—suffix – **GRAMMAR:** change of degrees of comparison – **VOCABULARY:** words often confused – **SPELLING:** silent letter words – **PUNCTUATION:** Short fiction passage with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – **CONVERSATION:** How people behave when unexpected/unwelcome guests arrive – **READING PASSAGE:** Life of Common People in Telangana – **WRITING:** Expository essay – **SOFT SKILLS:** Emotional intelligence – **VALUE EDUCATION:** Actions speak louder than words

## **UNIT 6**

**SHORT FICTION:** “The Mother of a Traitor” by Maxim Gorky – **PRONUNCIATION:** Contractions – **GRAMMAR:** 7 types/ structures of sentences – **VOCABULARY:** alliteration, duplication, rhyming words – **SPELLING:** doubling of consonants – **PUNCTUATION:** Short prose passage with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – **CONVERSATION:** A group of students share the experience of visiting different places during their vacation – **READING PASSAGE:** Telangana’s Global Presence – **WRITING:** Article for a magazine/newspaper – **SOFT SKILLS:** Critical thinking – **VALUE EDUCATION:** There is no time like the present

## **SEMESTER V**

### **UNIT 1**

**PROSE:** “Values in Life”: Rudyard Kipling – **PRONUNCIATION:** strong and weak forms – **GRAMMAR:** Simple, compound and complex sentences – **VOCABULARY:** subject specific vocabulary—science, technology, medicine etc – **SPELLING:** commonly misspelt words – **PUNCTUATION:** Short poetry passage with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – **CONVERSATION:** The members of the Ecological Club of the college plan how to save plants – **READING PASSAGE:** Achievements of Telangana’s Diaspora – **WRITING:** Process writing – **SOFT SKILLS:** Recitation/presentation skills – **VALUE EDUCATION:** A penny saved is a penny earned (Implications in other fields too – saving natural resources)

### **UNIT 2**

**DRAMA:** “Sunny Moring”: a Comedy in One Act by Serafin and Jaoquin alvarez Quinter – **PRONUNCIATION:** Assimilation – **GRAMMAR:** Conditionals – If clauses – **VOCABULARY:** Situational Vocabulary – **SPELLING:** Abbreviations –



PUNCTUATION: Exclamatory – CONVERSATION: Sharing their best moments –  
READING PASSAGE: Symbols of Telangana State – WRITING: CV writing – SOFT  
SKILLS: Interpersonal Skills – VALUE EDUCATION: Good things come to those who  
wait

### UNIT 3

**On Gender Sensitization** (To be prepared)

#### POEM

Writing Reviews            Film Review, Book Review  
Vocabulary                Technical vocabulary (Film, Literature)  
Grammar

## SEMESTER VI

### UNIT 4

**POETRY:** “Heaven of Freedom” by Rabindranath Tagore – **PRONUNCIATION:**  
intonation and rhythm – **GRAMMAR:** transformation of sentences (revision) –  
**VOCABULARY:** Picture vocabulary – **SPELLING:** academic words – **PUNCTUATION:**  
Short dialogue with mistakes in punctuation for correction/editing – **CONVERSATION:**  
Tell each other how you felt when you lost something precious – **READING PASSAGE:**  
Folklore/folk theatre of Telangana – **WRITING:** Script writing/editing – **SOFT SKILLS:**  
Social Intelligence/People skills/ interview skills – **VALUE EDUCATION:** You can’t  
judge a book by its cover

### UNIT 5

**BIOGRAPHY:** “Mother Teresa” by F D Herod – **PRONUNCIATION:** Elision –  
**GRAMMAR:** Common Errors – If clauses – **VOCABULARY:** Acronyms – **SPELLING:**  
British & American Spelling – **PUNCTUATION:** Question mark – **CONVERSATION:**  
Sharing on the importance of English – **READING PASSAGE:** Telangana Map –  
**WRITING:** Report Writing – **SOFT SKILLS:** Time Management – **VALUE  
EDUCATION:** No man is an island

### UNIT 3

**On Gender Sensitization** (To be prepared)

#### PROSE

CV Writing                Chronological CV, Functional CV  
Vocabulary                Appropriacy  
Grammar

