



Department of English  
TELANGANA UNIVERSITY

**English (First Language)**

*under the Reorganized CBCS with effect from AY 2024–25*

**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

TEXTBOOK: *Prowess in English II* (2024), edited by K.V. Ramanachary and P. Samata, published by Orient BlackSwan, ISBN 978-93-5442-921-7.



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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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