

Ahmednagar Jilha Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj's  
**New Arts, Commerce, and Science College, Ahmednagar**  
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**National Education Policy (NEP)**  
**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**

**Programme Skeleton and Syllabus of**  
**B. A. ENGLISH (Minor) - II Year**

Implemented from

**Academic Year 2024-25**

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**Programme Framework (Courses and Credits): B. A. ENGLISH (Minor)**

Sr. No.	Year	Semester	Level	Course Type	Course Code	Title	Credits
1.	I	I	4.5	MNR-1	BA-ENG 101T	English for Competitive Exams(Basic)	03
2.	I	II	4.5	MNR-2	BA-ENG 201T	English for Competitive Exams (Basic)	03
3.	I	III	4.5	MNR-3	BA-ENG 301T	Grammar for Competative Examinations	03
4.	I	IV	4.5	MNR-4	BA-ENG 401T	Grammar for Competative Examinations	03
5.	I	V	5.0	MNR-5	BA-ENG 501T	Speaking Skills for Competative Examinations	04
6.	I	VI	5.0	MNR-6	BA-ENG 601T	Writing Skills for Competative Examinations	04
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## **Prologue/ Introduction of the programme:** Prologue/Introduction:

Welcome to the English for Competitive Exams program! This comprehensive program is designed to equip students with the necessary language skills and strategies to excel in various competitive examinations that require proficiency in the English language. Whether you are preparing for entrance exams, job interviews, or other competitive assessments, this program will provide you with the essential knowledge and techniques to enhance your English language proficiency.

Throughout the eight semesters of this program, you will delve into various aspects of English grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary, and comprehension. From understanding the different parts of speech to mastering tenses, sentence formation, and subject-verb agreement, you will build a solid foundation in the fundamental aspects of English grammar.

You will also learn about sentence correction and error detection, sentence completion and rearrangement, and spelling rules. Additionally, the program will cover the usage of articles, singular and plural forms of nouns, degrees of comparison, gerunds, infinitives, participles, adjectives, adverbs, and the active and passive voice.

Furthermore, the program will guide you through conditional sentences, conjunctions, prepositions, and their appropriate usage. You will also explore the intricacies of direct and indirect speech, idiomatic expressions, synonyms, antonyms, phrases, and one-word substitutions.

To ensure comprehensive preparation, the program includes comprehension passages and questions, allowing you to enhance your reading skills, comprehension abilities, and the application of learned concepts in real-world contexts.

By the end of this program, you will have developed a strong command of the English language, enabling you to tackle competitive exams with confidence. You will be equipped with the necessary skills to effectively communicate, comprehend, and analyze written and spoken English, and you will possess a thorough understanding of the topics covered in the syllabus.

## **2. Programme Outcomes (POs)**

Upon completion of the English for Competitive Exams program, learner will be able to :

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of English grammar, including parts of speech, tenses, subject-verb agreement, and sentence structure.
2. Apply the rules of active and passive voice, direct and indirect speech, and correctly use articles, singular and plural forms of nouns, and degrees of comparison.
3. Utilize gerunds, infinitives, and participles appropriately in written and spoken communication.
4. Employ adjectives, and adverbs effectively to enhance descriptive language and provide accurate comparisons.
5. Construct and evaluate conditional sentences using zero, first, second, and third conditionals

6. Effectively use conjunctions and prepositions to connect ideas and indicate relationships between words and phrases.
7. Delete and correct errors in sentences, identify appropriate sentence completions, and rearrange sentences for clarity and coherence
8. Develop wide-ranging vocabulary including knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, idiomatic expressions, phrases and one-word substitutions
9. Comprehend and analyze passages of various genres, answer questions accurately, and demonstrate proficiency in reading comprehension.
10. Exhibit accurate word usage, idiomatic expressions, and spellings, while avoiding common errors in written and spoken English.

The English for Competitive Exam program aims to provide you with necessary skills and knowledge to excel in competitive examinations that require English language proficiency. With a focus on grammar, vocabulary, comprehension and effective communication this programme will equip you with the tools needed to achieve success in your competitive endeavours.

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**Syllabus**

**B. A. ENGLISH(Minor) -II**

<b>Title of the Course: English Grammar for Competitive Examinations</b>								
<b>Year: II</b>				<b>Semester: III</b>				
Course Type	Course Code	Credit Distribution		Credits	Allotted Hours	Allotted Marks		
		Theory	Practical			CIE	ESE	Total
MNR-3	BA-ENG201T	03	00	03	45	30	70	100

**Learning Objectives:**

Understand the importance of English language skills in competitive exams.

Identify the language skills tested in competitive exams.

Develop effective strategies for English language preparation for competitive exams.

**Course Outcomes (Cos)**

Students recognize the significance of English language skills in competitive exams and understand the role English plays in assessing candidates.

Students will develop effective strategies for English language preparation, including time management, study techniques, and targeted practice.

**Unit 1: Vocabulary Skills (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Word Roots and Etymology

Contextual Word Usage and Precision

Commonly Confused Words

Idiomatic Expressions in Professional Communication

Domain-specific Vocabulary

**Unit 2: Parts of Speech-Part 1 (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Noun Clauses

Irregular Verb Conjugations and Usage

Adjective and Adverb Usage

Prepositional Phrases

**Unit 3: Complex Sentence Structures (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Enhancing Sentence Variety with Ellipsis

Cleft Sentences

Appositives

Relative Pronouns in Various Clauses

**Suggested Readings/Material:**

**Books:**

**1 Aspirations: English for Careers ( Orient BlackSwan)**

**2 English Grammar for Today: A New Introduction by Geoffrey Leech**

**Publisher Palgrave Macmillan; Second edition (28 October 2005)**

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MNR-4	BA-ENG401T	03	00	03	45	30	70	100

**Learning Objectives:**

Apply the knowledge gained to effectively communicate in written and spoken English in competitive exams.

**Course Outcomes (Cos)**

Students will be able to analyze sentence structure and effectively form sentences using appropriate subjects, predicates, objects, and complements.

Students will recognize different types of clauses and phrases and understand how they contribute to the overall structure and meaning of sentences.

**Unit 4: Parts of Speech-Part 2 (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Nuances in Adjective and Adverb Usage

Pronoun Reference and Ambiguity

Adjective and Adverbial Clauses

Prepositions and Their Usage

**Unit 5: Structure and Style in Writing (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Developing Analytical Essays for Competitive Exams

Crafting Persuasive Argumentative Essays

Technical Report Writing and Documentation Skills

Paragraph Transitions

**Unit 6: Advanced Sentence Construction and Variety (Allotted Lectures: 15)**

Varieties of Sentence Structures for Emphasis

Rhetorical Devices

Inversion

Strategies for Balanced and Varied Sentences

Sentence Fluency in Professional Writing

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