

2/AEC-170 Syllabus-2023

2026

(May-June)

FYUP : 2nd Semester Examination

ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COURSE

(Communicative English)

(AEC-170)

Marks : 56

Time : 2½ hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.*

SECTION—I

Answer *any four* of the following questions : $4 \times 4 = 16$

1. What is communication and why is it important to have good communication skills?
2. What are the different ways to improve communication skills?
3. What are the main types of non-verbal communication?

4. Why is listening considered an important skill for effective communication?
5. How does reading help in becoming a better communicator?
6. What is the purpose of PowerPoint presentations?

SECTION—II

Answer any **four** of the following questions :

$10 \times 4 = 40$

7. Discuss the different barriers to effective communication with examples.
8. What are the different factors that influence effective conversations?
9. Elaborate on the different types of reading techniques to become a better reader.
10. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below :

Success is not a matter of luck, but of consistent effort, resilience, and purpose. People often admire achievements without seeing the discipline and persistence behind them. Every meaningful goal requires sacrifice, whether it is time, comfort, or

immediate gratification. Failure, though uncomfortable, plays a vital role in growth. It teaches reflection, adaptability, and patience. Those who succeed are not necessarily the most talented, but the most committed to improvement. By setting clear goals, maintaining focus, and learning from mistakes, anyone can progress steadily. In the end, success is less about reaching a destination and more about becoming stronger through the journey.

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| (a) Why is failure important for growth? | 3 |
| (b) What does success require besides talent? | 2 |
| (c) How can clear goals help someone succeed? | 3 |
| (d) Is success more about the journey or the destination? Discuss. | 2 |
| 11. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper about the illegal dumping of waste in the locality. | 10 |
| 12. Write a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it : | $2 \times 8 = 10$ |
| <p>Hope is a quiet strength that sustains people through uncertainty and hardship. It does not ignore pain or deny reality; instead, it offers the belief that circumstances can</p> | |

improve. In difficult moments, hope encourages perseverance, guiding individuals to keep moving forward despite setbacks. It fuels courage, inspires action, and nurtures resilience. Without hope, challenges appear permanent and overwhelming, but with it, even small progress feels meaningful. Hope connects dreams to determination, turning possibility into motivation. Though fragile at times, it grows stronger when shared, reminding people that light can exist even in the darkest situations.

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