

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH – MDC (SYLLABUS)

SEMESTER 1

MDC 1: VOCABULARY IN USE – FEN1FM 105

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs (36+ 9)	Marks (50)
I	Foundations of Vocabulary Development		12	12
	1	Importance of vocabulary in language proficiency	2	
	2	Techniques for effective vocabulary acquisition- contextual learning, mnemonic devices, and vocabulary mapping	2	
	3	Introduction to word families and root words, high frequency words	2	
	4	Prefixes and Suffixes	3	
	5	Collocations	3	
		<p><i>Activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Students may be asked to compile lists of words with common prefixes and suffixes, along with their meanings and example sentences.</i> ● <i>Students may be provided with sentences/phrases with missing words and a list of matching collocations.</i> 		
		<p>References:</p> <p>Mc,Carthy, Michael and Felicity O’ Dell. <i>English Vocabulary in Use Intermediate</i>. Cambridge, 1994.</p> <p>https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/about/oxford3000</p> <p>https://www.wordreference.com/englishcollocations/</p> <p>https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/prefixes-suffixes/</p>		
II	Expressions and Fluency		10	14
	6	Descriptive Vocabulary- describing people, places, objects, and emotions using adjectives and adverbs.	2	
	7	Vocabulary in context through materials such as articles, podcasts, and videos.	3	

	8	Active and passive vocabulary	1	
	9	Homonyms, Homophones and Homographs	1	
	10	Onomatopoeic words	1	
	11	Compound words, Portmanteau words	2	
		<p><i>Activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Vocabulary quiz based on contextual understanding</i> ● <i>Articles from newspapers can be analysed for new vocabulary.</i> ● <i>Maintain a vocabulary journal documenting new words/phrases encountered in articles, podcasts, and videos and lists of words from unit 8-11</i> 		
		<p><i>References</i></p> <p>https://www.vocabulary.com/</p> <p>https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary/a1-a2-vocabulary/</p>		
III	Vocabulary Proficiency		7	28
	13	Synonyms and Antonyms	3	
	14	Idioms and Phrasal verbs	3	
	15	Using a Thesaurus and a Dictionary	1	
		<p><i>Activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Provide comprehension passages and worksheets with questions related to synonyms, antonyms, idioms and phrasal verbs within the passages.</i> ● <i>Brainstorming of synonyms, synonym matching exercises can be done.</i> ● <i>Students should navigate a dictionary effectively and extract relevant information about words, their etymology, including synonyms and antonyms.</i> ● <i>Students should refer a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms for at least 10 words.</i> 		

	<p><i>References</i></p> <p>Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford University Press, 2020.</p> <p>Roget, Peter Mark. <i>Roget's International Thesaurus</i>, HarperCollins, 2019.</p> <p>https://www.wordhippo.com/</p> <p>https://www.vocabulary.com/</p> <p>https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/</p>		
IV	Vocabulary Expansion in the Digital Age	7	16
	16 Introduction to online dictionaries, thesauruses, and vocabulary-building apps	2	
	17 Multimedia resources -videos, podcasts, infographics- for vocabularyenhancement	2	
	18 Automated vocabulary quizzes and self-assessment tools	2	
	19 Digital reading platforms for vocabulary development	1	
	<p><i>Activity</i></p> <p><i>The students need to use the links provided below and practice exercises.</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgQoYNBKtII</p> <p>https://www.ldoceonline.com/quiz/</p> <p>https://www.oxfordonlineenglish.com/english-level-test/vocabulary</p>		
	<p><i>References:</i></p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02pc9xz/episodes</p> <p>https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/</p> <p>https://www.thesaurus.com/</p>		
V	Open Ended Module	9	

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students may be encouraged to take part in spell bee competitions ● Preparation of a vocabulary book including new words collected from daily newspapers. 		
	<p>Suggested Readings</p> <p>Carnog, Mary W. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i>. Merriam-Webster Mass Market, 2010.</p> <p>Lele Chris. <i>Vocabulary Builder Workbook</i>. Zephyros Pr, 2018.</p> <p>Sethi, J. <i>Standard English and Indian Usage: Vocabulary and Grammar</i>. PHILearning Pvt. Ltd., 2011.</p> <p>Vennakkadan, Abdul. <i>Rich Vocabulary: Through Motivational Stories</i>. BookPlus, 2024.</p>		