

SYLLABUS FOR DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS (DCS)

(Semester: I & II)

Session: 2018-19



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DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS (SEMESTER SYSTEM) under Directorate of Open & Distance Learning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Eligibility: +2 of P.S.E.B. or any Board equivalent thereto.

Semester-I

| Paper Code | Subject | Marks | | | Credits |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| | | Internal Assessment | End Term | Total | |
| ODDCS-101T | Communication Skills - I (Theory) | 20 | 80 | 100 | 4 |
| ODDCS-102P | Communication Skills - I (Practical) | 20 | 80 | 100 | 4 |
| Total Marks & Credits | | 40 | 160 | 200 | 8 |

Semester-II

| Paper Code | Subject | Marks | | | Credits |
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| | | Internal Assessment | End Term | Total | |
| ODDCS-201T | Communication Skills - II (Theory) | 20 | 80 | 100 | 4 |
| ODDCS-202P | Communication Skills - II (Practical) | 20 | 80 | 100 | 4 |
| Total Marks & Credits | | 40 | 160 | 200 | 8 |

ODDCS – 101T : Communication Skills – I (Theory)

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 20 Marks

End Term: 80 Marks

Instructions for the Paper-Setter/examiner:

1. Question paper shall consist of **Four sections**.
2. Paper setter shall set **Eight questions** in all by selecting **Two questions** of equal marks from each section. However, a question may have sub-parts (not exceeding four sub-parts) and appropriate allocation of marks should be done for each sub-part.
3. Candidates shall attempt **Five questions** in all, by at least selecting **One question** from each section and the **5th question** may be attempted from any of the **Four sections**.
4. The question paper should be strictly according to the instructions mentioned above. In no case a question should be asked outside the syllabus.

Section - A

- a. **Communication Skills:** Concept, Meaning, Scope, Nature, Importance of Communication, Types/kinds of Communication, Medium of Communication.
- b. **Process of communication:** Elements/Components of Communication process, Barriers in Effective Communication, Different Ways to Overcome Communication Barriers and Conditions for Successful Communication, Development of Communication Skills

Section-B

Writing Skills:

- Written Communication
- Spoken Verses Written Communication
- Guidelines for effective writing: Formal Letter, Notice, Tender Notice, Minutes of Meeting, Memorandum
- Parts of Speech: Noun, Pronoun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, Interjection

Section-C

Reading Skills: Reading Skills and Strategies, Types of Readings, Reading Outcome, Reading for Comprehension.

Section-D

Interview: What is Interview, Types of Interview, Venue of Interview, Conductors of Interview, how to conduct interview.

Recommended Readings and Links

Text Books:

1. Communication Skills for Professionals By *Kumar N*
2. You Can Win by *Shiv Khera*
3. Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life by *Wayne Dyer*
4. Personality Development by *John Aurther*
5. Counselling and Guidance by *Dr. Vimal Aggarwal*.
6. Communication Skills (Theory & Practice) by Dr. Rakesh Mohan Sharma (Kasturi Lal & Sons Publications)

Links:

1. BBC World Service- www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/
2. Bibliomania (<http://www.bibliomania.com/>)
3. Brightside-Brightside.me
4. English Grammar Guide (<https://www.ef.com/english-resources/english-grammar/>)
5. Fee Management e Books (<http://www.free-management-ebooks.com/index.htm>)
6. <http://swayam.gov.in/>
7. <http://edx.org> formerly <http://mooc.org/>

ODDCS – 101P : Communication Skills – I (Practical)

Practical based on Section A, B, C & D of Theory Syllabus such as:

- Black Board Writing
- Practice of Cursive Writing
- Comprehension of a given passage
- Multiple Choice Questions on unseen passage.
- Newspaper Reading
- Book/Paragraph Reading
- Anchoring
- Self-Introduction
- Extempore Lecture
- Practice of different words with their correct pronunciation
- Welcome Speech
- Vote of thanks

ODDCS – 201T : Communication Skills – II (Theory)

Time: 03 Hours

Max. Marks: 100 Marks

Internal Assessment: 20 Marks

End Term: 80 Marks

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Section - A

Role of Visual Aids in Communication: Selection of Visuals, Planning of Visuals, Theme Selection, Layout, Types of Visual Aids, Diagrams, Flip Charts, Flash Cards, Flannel Graphs, Bulletin Boards.

Section - B

Writing Skills: Topics on Writing Skills are given below:

- Resume Writing
- Report Writing
- Memo Writing
- Agenda Writing
- Minutes Writing
- Notice Writing
- Precis Writing

Section - C

Listening Skills: What is Listening, Barriers in Listening, Effective Listening Skills, Feedback in Listening, steps for improving Feedback Skills.

Section - D

- a. Meetings
- b. Conferences
- c. Group Discussion

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ODDCS – 202P : Communication Skills – II (Practical)

Practical based on Section A, B, C & D of Theory Syllabus such as:

- Quiz to determine type of personality
- Activity based on leadership quality
- Practice of such activities which will help to build up student's confidence.
- Resume Writing
- Report Writing
- Memo Writing
- Agenda Writing
- Minutes Writing
- Notice Writing
- Precis Writing
- Declamation
- Debate