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TYPES OF ENGLISH COURSES FOR EMPLOYABILITY

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ABSTRACT

Higher Education is a wonderful process of rapid change in today's scenario. Higher education universities and colleges are now expected to have a commitment to prepare students for the workplace and it is one of the most prized positions of man. It acts as a repository of wisdom, a propeller for the advancement of knowledge and a telescope to view the vision of the future. Though human society progressed with remarkable speed, the use of English is still not free from ignorance, prejudice and superstition. Social advancement has to be matched with the development of efficient techniques of communication to sustain the tempo of growth. Thus, the role of English in the professional world is still dominant and we have therefore focused our attention on the convention of communication in English followed in India. English plays a vital part in every sphere of human life. However, it is clear that employability is the top priority for those who acquire higher education. This paper focuses on the types of courses for teaching English to enhance students for employability.

KEY WORDS:

English for Employability, EAP, ESP, EST, EOP, EGP

INTRODUCTION

English courses are designed to use English in various emerging areas and also they provide training for those who search for good communication skills in the working field. English is the most widely spoken language in the world. It is the mother of the more than 320 million people and English plays a major role in the international business, diplomacy, science, and the professions. This paper brings out the general English courses designed to help the students who want to improve their English for work, study or travel. Moreover, the courses improve the learners speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. It increases vocabulary, grammar and language structures. It is the dire need that the teachers have to recognize and qualify themselves to equip the learners. There are number of courses like EFL, TESOL, TELTA, TKT, ICELT, TOFEL, IELTS, BEC and BULATS etc.

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ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSE

English for Academic Purpose aims at developing the four basic skills and the literary skills. It also provides presentation skills and exam skills. This course involves the learners to use the language appropriately for study purpose. The starting point for EAP is the learner and his situation rather than the language. The main concerns in EAP include the academic assessment, authenticity, data gathering, negotiating in the classroom, writing and using of the internet. Ability of reading, writing and listening English helps the learner to keep in touch with the whole world. It also equips the learner to know the continuous advancement or progress which happens throughout the world. English helps the learners to pass out the competitive exams.

ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE

In recent scenario, new areas of expressions have emerged in fields like medicine, computer, science, law, religion, the press, tourism, military, advertising and so on. Every field has its own set of technical terms, vocabulary, syntax and style. If the person has to be an expertise in his own field, his expressive style and vocabulary should be related to that specific subject. ESP is communication, function oriented, subject and purpose oriented. It is popular in IITs, Engineering and Medical colleges. Material for this course is specially prepared by science teachers and technical experts. Content comprises of technical phrases and structures. Very little attention is paid to the literary skills. The main aim of this course is to develop professional and communicative competence among the learners.

ENGLISH FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

English for science and technology specifically provides the learners to access and understand materials on science & technology. In this field, the language is used to define, classify, report, explain and prove. The EST curriculum helps the learner to acquire information and knowledge by reading and understanding, listening and viewing different text types according to the situation. It also develops the skill of accessing oral presentation and critical thinking on issues pertaining to science and technology. Visiting laboratories and hi-tech companies increases and widens the awareness of the learner in the emerging technologies. EST programmes develops fluency, confidence, motivation, research skill. Taking courses in EST increases the learner's intellectual and professional development.

ENGLISH FOR OCCUPATIONAL PURPOSE

English acts as a foundation stone for occupations, business, education and entertainment. It offers communication skills to the employees and helps the workers to speak effectively, clearly and successfully in the work places. EOP courses conducted in the working areas strengthen the ability of the learner to present the ideas in a group without any nervousness. According to some estimates, the number of English speakers has risen to 2 billion. Life presents us numerous situations that produce positive or negative results. A learner has to choose language appropriate to the working situation. EOP provides and builds vocabulary, fluency needed for the situation. It develops the essential skills of conversation, brain storming, interrupting, summarizing, expressing opinions, agreeing, disagreeing, classifying and asking for information. EOP also navigates the learner to apply the rules with accuracy and appropriate style. It helps the learner to prepare, process and produce the relevant documents and conduct activities. Thus, EOP meets the demands of the learner in the work place.

ENGLISH FOR GLOBAL PURPOSE

In today's world, people of all spheres have closer contact with different parts of the world than our forefathers have dreamt of. To achieve anything in this globe, one has to learn English. It is not that how many people speak English but in what way it is used for. Since it is a link language, everyone needs to have an ample of knowledge over it. English for Global purpose aims at developing communicative competency and language proficiency of the learner. It makes the learner to stand bold, tall and mighty. English is the language of majority of websites, language of Hollywood and a common language for communication. In India, English is the language of the government. It has a definite status in the society. It has the great cementing force. English is considered as the queen of languages, medium of instruction at different levels, language of trade, industry and commerce, social and cultural importance, an administrative language, a language of opportunities and the library language. The role of English is vitally significant over the social, political, economic, intellectual and cultural life of the world. Learning of English paves way for good opportunities and a successful passport for employability.

CONCLUSION

Mastery and competence over English language provides a privileged position to the learner. It is considered as a major window on the modern world. Higher education and advanced studies in medicine, engineering, technology, science is only possible with the global language. English language is the greatest gift of God. Learners have gained important positions and privileges through this language of excellence. Courses are designed in such a way to meet the needs of academic, scientific, technical, occupational and global purpose. Teaching learning process considerably depends upon the teacher, learner, courses and the employability. A language teacher plays a different, distinctive, unique role in preparing the learners towards the success.

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