St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Syllabus of Semester – I of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on Under Graduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2023-24.

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Ability Enhancement Course – 1: English for Life Skills I

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Prequisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
English for Life Skills (AEC 1601)	2	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Nil

LEARNING OBJECTIVES (LO)	
LO-1	Facilitating an environment of exploration of life skills using English.
LO-2	Equipping learners with employability skills
LO-3	Learners will be exposed to language input in context as a scaffolding for general personal reflection and opinion.
LO-4	Tasks like group discussion, reflection exercises, goal setting tasks, outcome-oriented activities will trigger language production and self-confidence in learners.
LO-5	Form-focused tasks will encourage learners to analyze English to use it more independently, accurately and appropriately.
COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)	
On Completion of this course, the student will be able to	
CO-1	Read and analyze intermediate level texts of English
CO-2	Conduct syntax focused analysis of texts of English
CO-3	Learn and use vocabulary for professional purposes
CO-4	Learn and practice language for exploring life skills
CO-5	Learn and practice language in the workplace

Syllabus of [***AEC1***]

Unit 1: Reading and responding: Comprehension and form focused analysis (12-15 lectures)
Ruskin Bond: *The boy who broke the bank*
Mark Twain: *Whitewashing the fence*
Stephen Leacock: *My financial career*

Somerset Maugham: *The verger*
Leo Tolstoy: *Three questions*

Unit 2: Exploring Life Skills: Language of Analysis and Opinion (12 – 15 lectures)
Listening Skills
Teamwork Skills
Emotional Intelligence Skills
Learning Skills

Essential Readings:

S. P. Dhanavel: English and Soft Skills (Units 1-5)

Suggested Readings:

1) *Practice Makes Perfect English Conversation* by Jean Yates
2) *Effortless English: Learn to speak English like a native* by A. J. Hoge
3) *English Grammar in Use* by Raymond Murphy and Surai Pongtongcharoen
4) *Better English* by Normal Lewis
5) *Advanced English Grammar* M. Hewings
6) *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*. Oxford, 2010.