St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad
Syllabus of Semester – IV 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 - 4: Critical Thinking and Life Skills

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		
Critical Thinking and Life Skills	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 [***AEC4***]

Unit 1:
Why Critical thinking?
Three Kinds of Questions

Template for Problem Solving

Unit 2: Practicum (*Faculty in-charge will create the final list of tasks to be undertaken based on the level of the specific batch.)*
Practical Tasks in classroom on asking questions to dig deeper into a topic
Classroom Discussion / Group Discussion tasks on selected topics (according to the proficiency level of students)
Analyzing types of questions
Problem Solving Tasks using the template given

Essential Readings:
Richard Paul and Linda Elder: *The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking*