

BRITISH INSTITUTE

CAIRO

SYLLABUS

OF

COURSES IN ENGLISH

(1941-42)

COURSES OF STUDY.

Intending students will be interviewed by the Director or his Assistants, who will allocate them to appropriate classes according to their knowledge of English. The Director may also require an applicant to undergo a short written test in order to ensure his proper classification.

DIVISION I.

The work of this Division is, as a whole, introductory to the more advanced instruction given in division II and is arranged in three Courses, viz: IA, IB, IC.

Students will be divided into small classes receiving three hours instruction per week, the number in each class being very strictly limited.

The work of this Division, being of an introductory nature, does not include any courses specially designed for examination purposes.

COURSE IA.

A course for beginners, in which the student will learn the use of a practical elementary vocabulary in conversation, reading and writing. Special attention will be given to pronunciation, and the course will include systematic treatment of the principles of simple sentence construction in English.

Book: C. E. Eckersley: Essential English for Foreign Students, Book I (Longman's Green).

COURSE IB.

A course for students who already have some elementary knowledge of English. It will include more advanced work on pronunciation, vocabulary, and syntax, and besides reading, dictation and conversation in class, written exercises will be set regularly for homework.

Book: C. E. Eckersley : Essential English for Foreign Students, Book II, and/or Book III (Longman's, Green).

COURSE IC.

This course is designed for those who already possess a moderate knowledge of English but need to consolidate this before proceeding to the considerably more advanced work of DIVISION II.

Besides giving practice in reading, the course will aim at giving the student the power to express himself fluently and accurately in simple English both in speaking and writing. While including systematic drill in the simpler fundamental types of English sentence construction, the course will provide ample opportunities for conversation and discussion.

Written exercises will form a very important part of the course.

Books: i) A. C. Hornby : Composition Exercises in Elementary English (Macmillan).

ii) At least two of the following :—

Adam Bede	}	Tales Retold (Oxford University Press)
Great Expectations		
Jane Eyre		
Wives & Daughters		
Vanity Fair		
Tales of Crime & Detection		

She Stoops to Conquer	}	Plays Retold (Oxf. Univ. Press)
A Pair of Spectacles		
Barretts of Wimpole Street.		
Journey's End		

Our Letters in the Post (G. A. Campbell,)
(Oxford University Press)

Recommended Dictionary: General Basic English Dictionary (Evans).

DIVISION II.

N. B. The main difference between Course II A and Course II B is that the former provides three hours instruction per week, while the latter provides six.

The work of DIVISION II is designed for students who already possess a good foundation of English and wish to extend their range of vocabulary and idiom both in the spoken and written language.

Simultaneously with the detailed study of contemporary texts of graduated difficulty, the students will be expected to read privately a number of books in more simple English such as those prescribed in Course I C.

Conversation and discussions on everyday matters of general interest will form a regular feature of the course. Written exercises, which students should do regularly, will include various types of simple free composition as well as exercises on specific points of Grammar and idiom.

Throughout the course systematic attention will be paid to the main features of English pronunciation, including stress and the simpler forms of intonation

Books :

- COURSE II A: i) A. S. Hornby : Composition Exercises in Elementary English (Macmillan).
ii) C. E. Eckersley : Brighter English (Longman's Green).
iii) *Either* : A. R. Moon & G. H. Mc Kay : Social English (Longman's Green).

Or : J. S. Bentwich & Mendilow : How the English are Governed (Longman's Green).

Or two of the following :

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| Vanity Fair | } | Tales Retold |
| Tales of | | Oxford |
| Crime & Detection | | Univ. Press. |
| Barretts of | } | Plays Retold. |
| Wimpole Street. | | Oxf. Univ. Press. |
| Journey's End | | |

- COURSE II B: i) A. S. Hornby : Composition Exercises in Elementary English (Macmillan)

and/or :

- B. Kelly : Advanced English Course
for foreign Students. (Longman's
Green).
- ii) C. E. Eckersley : Brighter English
(Longman's Green).
- iii) *Either* : A. R. Moon & G. H. Mc Kay
Social English (Longman's Green).
- Or* : J. S. Bentwich & Mendilow : How
the English are Governed (Longman's
Green).

and one of the following :

Vanity Fair	}	Tales Retold
Tales of		Oxford
Crime & Detection.		Univ. Press.
The Barretts of	}	Plays Retold
Wimpole St.		Oxf. Univ. Press.
Journey's End		

Recommended Dictionary : General Basic English Dictionary
(Evans).

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE (II E)

For students who propose to enter for the Cambridge Lower Certificate in June 1942, a special course of weekly lecture-discussion groups will be held to assist candidates in the study of the special Set Books prescribed for this examination.

Students cannot be admitted to this course unless they also regularly attend either Course II. A. or Course II. B. (See above).

Books :

- Julius Caesar : from North's Plutarch (Paul Kegan).
Conan Doyle : The White Company (Longman's Green).

DIVISION III.

The courses given in this Division are suitable only for students whose knowledge of English is considerably advanced.

The work of the Division consists of a general English course of three hours a week (Course III) and four independent and optional supplementary courses: III EL, III EI, III EM, and III EC.

Students following Courses III EL, III EI, and III EM, meet once a week throughout the session, and admission will normally be limited to students who are simultaneously following Course III and propose to sit for either the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English or London Matriculation in June 1942.

Students enrolled in Course III EC meet twice a week. In certain cases the Director may require as a condition of admittance to this course that a student shall simultaneously attend the whole or part of Course III.

COURSE III

An advanced general course of three hours per week including a close study of more difficult texts, advanced English Grammar and idiom, conversation and original composition in English.

It is not intended that students shall confine themselves to the prescribed books, and lecturers will be pleased to give advice on the choice of books for private reading. Students are invited to make frequent use of the Institute Library for this purpose.

Books :

- i) D. Kelly : Advanced English Course for Foreign Students (Longman's Green).
- ii) C. E. Eckersley : England & the English (Longman's Green).
- iii) A. R. Moon & G. H. McKay : Social English (Longman's Green).

Recommended Dictionary : Pocket Oxford Dictionary (Oxford University Press).

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES.

COURSE III EL.

A course of weekly lectures and discussions designed to assist students taking the English Literature paper at the examination for the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English to be held in June 1942.

Admission to this course is only open to students who simultaneously follow the General Course III.

Prescribed Books :

Three of the following :

- Addison : Selections from the Spectator (Ed. Lobban, Cambridge University Press).
Kipling : Selected Stories (Macmillan).
Galsworthy : Strife (Duckworth).
E. Blunden : Undertones of War (Penguin).
Shakespeare : Richard II (Penguin)

Recommended Reading :

- B. Ifor Evans : Short History of English Literature (Pelican)
King & Ketley : The Control of Language (Longman's Green).

COURSE III EI.

A course of weekly lectures on English Life and Institutions designed primarily for students taking the English Life and Institutions paper at the examination for the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English in June 1942.

Normally, students will simultaneously follow the General Course III. The Institute will however be pleased to consider applications for admission from persons who wish to attend these lectures independently.

Full details of the subjects to be covered in the lectures will be found in the Regulations for the Certificate of Proficiency in English issued by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

Recommended Reading :

These books may be borrowed from the Library of the Institute.

1) *Political Surveys :*

K. Derry: British Institutions of Today (Longman's)
Sir M. Amos: The English Constitutions (Longman's)
I. Brown: The Meaning of Democracy (Duckworth).
Bentwich & Mendilow: How the English are Governed
(Longman's)

Sociological Surveys :

A. M. Carr-Saunders: Social Structure of England and
Wales (Oxford University Press).
Sir P. Allen: Aspects of a Changing Social Structure
(Allen & Unwin).
W. H. Wickwar: The Social Services (Cobden-Sanderson).
Wickham Steed: The Press (Penguin Books).

Literary Descriptions :

I. Brown: The Heart of England (Batsford).
C. Hamilton: Modern England (Dent).
M. & C. Quennell: Good New Days (Batsford).
H. W. Nevinson: Rough Islanders (Routledge).

2) *British Life & Thought Series:*

The British Commonwealth: A. Berriellale Keith.
The British System of Government: W. A. Robson.
British Justice: Sir Maurice Amos.
British Education: J. E. Hales.
The Face of Britain: L. Dudley Stamp.
British Sport & Games: Bernard Darwin.
British Ships & British Seamen: Michael Lewis.
British Aviation: F. A. de V. Robertson.
The Englishwoman: Cicely Hamilton.
The Englishman: Earl Baldwin.

3) F. H. Spencer: Industry and Society.
How We Work and How We Are Governed (University of
London Press).

COURSE III EM.

A special course of instruction to assist students presenting themselves for the English paper of the London Matriculation examination in June 1942. The classes, which will meet once each week throughout the session, will be supplementary to Course III.

Only Students who simultaneously follow the General Course III can be admitted to Course III EM.

Books :

A. K. Boyd & A. R. Moon Practice in English (Longman's Green).

Or :

S. Glassey : Groundwork of English Composition (Oxford).

Recommended Reading :

King and Ketley : The Control of Language (Longman's Green).

COURSE III EC.

An advanced course of 2 hours per week addressed to students who wish to make a special study of the application of correct English for commercial purposes, particularly in the writing of summaries, reports, business letters and short essays.

Book :

A. R. Moon and C. F. Golding : The King's English for Commercial Students (Longman's Green).

OTHER COURSES.

Conversation Class held in conjunction with Course III.

Phonetics in conjunction with Course III.

Special Course for Schoolmasters composed of :

III, III EL. or III EL., Phonetics, Conversation.