

SEMESTER – I

GIR 3103: GERMAN LANGUAGE- PAPER I

Course Description

To introduce the students of B.A.(IR) to German as a language and a tool of communication and knowledge acquisition which is a fundamental requirement for the students of international relations. In fact, the comprehensive knowledge of IR will be rather impaired without the working knowledge of a foreign language.

Course Outcomes

In today's fast changing world, international relations hold the key to diplomatic studies, peace studies, and contemporary socio-politic and socio-economic studies, relations between countries and so on. In such a transnational academic and intellectual framework, it goes beyond saying that a good working knowledge of a foreign language is mandatory.

The knowledge of German thus will enable the students of IR to

- Have access to original documents without the recourse of a third language
- Interact freely with the knowledge base of the country/region of study
- Strengthen the area study programme
- Access to a different world view which is essentially different from the Anglo-Saxon world view
- Be sensitive to a non-Anglo-Saxon world order
- Discover the German speaking world
- Be able to discover the rich academic and intellectual heritage of Germany

Syllabus

LESSON 1
<u>TOPICS:</u> ---- To introduce oneself and others ---- Numbers+ Telephone numbers ---- The German Alphabet and learning to spell a name. ---- To order something and pay for it in a Café. ---- Introduction to Money-Euro ---- “My German Course” ---- Countries and Languages + Currencies in different countries. ---- My profession

---- Days of the Week + Weekend activities and hobbies

Grammar

---- The noun: definite Article & indefinite articles + Building of plurals

---- W-questions + Framing questions

---- Personal pronouns

---- Conjugation of regular and irregular verbs

---- Introduction to verbs: “to be” and “to have”

LESSON 2

TOPICS

---- Naming the furniture, fittings and other objects in the classroom

---- Learning to make requests and express wishes.

---- Calendar: Months of the Year

GRAMMAR

---- Composite

---- Negation

---- Past tense of the verb “to be”

---- Difference between W-questions and Yes/No Questions.

LESSON 3

TOPICS

---- Sightseeing places in Europe; revision of countries and their capital cities

---- Learning to describe Trivandrum

---- The Railway station and Airport

GRAMMAR

---- Past tense of “to be” and “to have”

---- Revision of W-Questions and Yes/No questions

LESSON 4

TOPICS

- Learning to describe things and people
- Learning to describe different types of houses, hostel rooms + furniture and comment on them.
- How to rent a house, and planning shifting into a new house.

GRAMMAR

- Accusative case: Verbs + prepositions
- Adjective and opposites
- Possessive articles of nominative and accusative cases
- Calibrated differentiation between adjectives.

LESSON 5

TOPICS

- Telling time: official and unofficial methods.
- To make appointments and to make changes in that.
- Visit to a doctor
- Talking about the daily routine
- To fill up information in a form.

GRAMMAR

- Difference between negations: no/not
- Dative Case: Verbs+ prepositions
- Separable verbs

LESSON 6

TOPICS

- To ask for directions.
- Orientation in a building with many departments
- Telling the date + telling the year
- Holidays and festivals

<u>GRAMMAR</u>	
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---- Ordinal number

---- Temporal prepositions: at /on

I.Literature [in German & English]:

Selected short literary texts (poetry, prose) to be introduced at the discretion of the teacher in translation; materials to be supplied by the concerned department. Question paper to be answered in English.

II. Information about the Culture and Civilisation of Germany [in English]

Geography: Information about Germany. neighbouring states/ the five largest cities (Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Cologne, Frankfurt)

History: Short overview of German history 800-1806

Source: Introduction of "Facts about Germany".

Society in Germany: Population features/ Political System in condensed form

Assessments: Selected topics for class projects from political, social, historical events and conditions in the German speaking countries.