

SEMESTER – II

GIR 3203: GERMAN LANGUAGE - PAPER II

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 7
<u>TOPICS</u> ---- Professions and their descriptions ---- Visit to a bank ---- Place details with appropriate prepositions, e.g. in a workshop, at the university etc.
<u>GRAMMAR</u> ---- Modal verbs: müssen / können ---- Two-case prepositions

LESSON 8

TOPICS

- Sightseeing places in Berlin.
- Learning to describe a way.
- Reading a city map
- Learning to narrate about a travel.
- Writing a postcard.

GRAMMAR

- Revision of prepositions to describe the way : in / durch / über / an...vorbei

LESSON 9

TOPICS

- To speak about vacations and holidays
- To describe an accident.

GRAMMAR

- Present perfect tense

LESSON 10

TOPICS

- Visit to a supermarket and talking about eating habits
- To shop for provisions : Measurements and weights
- Time of meals, names of dishes, menu, and recipes.
- Vegetables, cutlery, vessels, fruits etc.
- Newspaper advertisements

GRAMMAR

- Declension of Adjectives
- Positive-superlative-Comparative

LESSON 11

TOPICS

- Fashion, Weather, buying clothes, and colors.
- Winter holidays and summer holidays

---- Talking about the weather
<u>GRAMMAR</u>
---- Adjective endings in accusative case in indefinite articles ---- Demonstrative articles
LESSON 12
<u>TOPICS</u>
---- Body parts and sports, illnesses and emotions ---- More body parts and vital organs, talking about health matters ---- Giving recommendations and instructions ---- Learning to write a letter
<u>GRAMMAR</u>
---- Imperative form

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 the German-speaking countries of Germany / Austria / Switzerland and Liechtenstein; Source: Facts about Germany [Location / Size / landscapes / climate/]

History: Short overview of German history 1806 to 2002

Source: Introduction of “Facts about Germany”.