

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF STUDIES IN B.A PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.**

The meeting was started at 10. a.m on 6.08.2019 in the Department of International Relations and Politics, Kaveri Building, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod. The Members of the Board discussed the B.A Programme structure, contents of various core courses and elective/optional courses and approved the existing syllabus with some modifications. The revised syllabus will be effective from 2019 admission onwards. The revised syllabus is appended. The meeting came to an end at 5.00 p.m.

**Members present:**

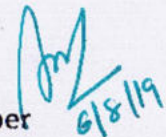
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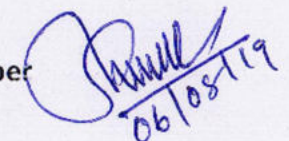
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## SEMESTER – I

### 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
<b><u>TOPICS:</u></b> ---- 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

<b><u>GRAMMAR</u></b>	
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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.