ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION REPORT ON THE ONLINE ENGLISH GRAMMAR COURSE CONDUCTED FROM 19TH JUNE, 2020 to 30TH JUNE, 2020

PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF THE ONLINE COURSE:

Title of the Course: English Essentials - Grammar

Organizers: English Pedagogical Unit Of St. Xavier's Institute Of Education,

Mumbai.

Course Developers and Conductors: Dr. Geeta Shetty & Dr. Shadab Paloji

Course Duration: 10 Days

Total Number of Hours: 30 (10 Hours Of Live Sessions + 20 Notional Hours)

Number of Participants: 50

Target Group: Pre-Service Teachers with Pedagogies

English/History/Geography/Economics.

INTRODUCTION

One of the major components of any language is its Grammar. Knowledge of Grammar concepts and their application is of paramount importance to any language teacher. It is imperative for teachers of English to know the intricacies of the concepts in order to enable better comprehension among learners and also effective communication. The course deals with the concepts in detail and endeavours to develop grammatical competence among the participants.

EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:

At the end of the Course, student teachers would be able to...

- * Develop deep learning and insights about the various grammar concepts.
- * Create instructional materials on the various grammar concepts.
- * Explore creative strategies/means to ensure learning of Grammar as future teachers of English.

COURSE PARTICULARS:

The course was transacted through the online mode. Hence it was designed using the 4-Quadrant pattern of online teaching. The MOOC platform used

was the Google Classroom. The live sessions were conducted on Google Meet. **The syllabus of the Course comprised of 5 Main Areas namely-**

- i. Parts of Speech
- ii. Figures of Speech
- iii. Structure of Sentences & Types of Sentences
- iv. Transformational Grammar I
- v. Transformational Grammar II

Each Content Area had the following features;

- **Þ** Online Live Tutorial
- P Self-Instructional material (Videos/documents/Worksheets etc.)
- Þ Questions and doubts on discussion forum
- P Assessment (quiz of 10 marks + assignment of 10 marks); Total marks = $(20 \text{ marks } \times 5 \text{ Areas} = 100)$

The participants were graded and accordingly e-certificates were awarded.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURSE:

A brochure was prepared outlining the details of the course. An Online registration link was provided on which 419 candidates enrolled in a span of 3 days. After enrolment, the participants were directed to the Google Classroom where the guidelines, rules and regulations, netiquettes as well as timetable were put up.

On day 1, there was a brief inauguration with the Principal, Dr. Sosamma Samuel welcoming the participants. The Course followed the timetable and fulfilled all the requisites. On the last day there was a brief Valedictory that was graced by the Principal and the Manager, Fr. Blaise D'Souza s.j.

CHALLENGES FACED DURING THE COURSE:

Designing and conducting a Concepts-based Course required intensive study and research. Preparing e-content, the presentations for the live sessions, the quizzes and assignments as well as the self-learning resources was quite challenging and massive. A lot of care was taken to maintain accuracy and clarity of content.

Another challenge faced during the course was the lack of technical support for the conductors. Being a free site, Google Meet did not offer all its services. Sometimes the technical issues seemed herculean to handle.

FEEDBACK FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

Statement No.	Statement	Feedback
1	Were the objectives of the course clear to you?	99% Agree
2	The course content met with your expectations	97.8% said Yes
3	The lecture sequence was well planned.	95.6% Agree
4	The content was illustrated with	97.8% said Adequate Examples
5	The course exposed you to new knowledge and practices.	97.8% Agree
6	Will you recommend this course to your colleagues?	95.6% said Yes
7	The sessions were clear and easy to understand.	93.3% Agree
8	The course material was adequate.	93.4% Agree
9	The instructors engaged interaction and were helpful.	97.8% Agree
10	Please give overall rating for the course.	88.9% rated the course between 80-100%

The Strengths outlined by the participants were;

- Systematic and Well -organized
- Plenty of hard work by the instructors
- Clarity
- Creative Assessments
- Well planned
- Reliable resources
- Interesting quizzes
- Minute details covered
- Informative
- Made easy to understand
- Personalized
- In-depth treatment
- Enriching
- Insightful
- Great Effort
- Instructors very well informed about the concepts.
- Excellent power-points
- Lucid flow

• Careful and thoughtful planning

The Suggestions provided by the participants were;

- Try to resolve technical issues
- Some concepts seemed heavy so could space out.
- Pace was sometimes fast in some sessions
- Recording could be sent to participants

The Participants said that it was an excellent and useful course. Many said that they had no suggestions to make as everything was taken care of.

Dr. Geeta Shetty & Dr. Shadab Paloji Course Developers and Coordinators.