

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU  
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES & LITERATURES  
GENERAL STRUCTURE FOR ADMISSION ENTRANCE TEST

POSTGRADUATE COURSES  
**M.A. ENGLISH (SHIFTS 2 & 3)**

The MA English programme allows lateral entry to graduates from any discipline where the medium of education has been English. The entrance test is designed as a basic test of competence in transacting with the language since we get applicants from diverse backgrounds. The interview will gauge spoken communication skills.

The entrance test is best understood as a comparative procedure since we receive many applications from across different academic backgrounds and from different states of the country. University reservation policies will determine admissions after the test.

MA English Shift II programme will focus on language, literature and creative production, and on research methods arising thereof. The MA English Shift III programme will focus on language, literature, research, and teaching methods. The test will balance these emphases.

**Prior to the test**

The test will be preceded by a general counselling session held online via Zoom at least one week prior.

**The test**

**Component A: General Academic Abilities (20 marks )**

**Objective:** To test the candidate's capacity to read and respond to inferential/interpretative challenge through an unseen passage (2x5+1x10=20 marks)

**Component B: Writing Abilities (10 marks)**

**Objective:** To test the candidate's capacity to express themselves effectively in an unstructured situation.

One writing prompt.

**Component C: Domain Aptitude (20 marks)**

**Objective:** To test the student's awareness and readiness for language and literature  
10 questions to test language skills and literary awareness.

**To be followed by a round of interviews**

Candidates must bring records/certificates for co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements for a rigorous interview to be held on the day following the written test.

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