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PREPARATION FOR COMMISSIONING COURSE

1. **AIM OF COURSE:** To improve students' standard of English and to introduce them to the specialist vocabulary and skills required for their Officer Training Course at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

2. **OUTLINE SYLLABUS:** The syllabus covers specialist Army topics that will give students a basic grounding in the study areas they will encounter on Officer training at RMAS. These topics will include:
Introduction to the British Army.
Development of British Army vocabulary.
Visits to places of Army interest.
72-hour field exercise.
Physical training and sport.
Drill, weapon handling and map reading.

3. **RANK RANGE:** Officer Cadets.

4. **RELATED COURSES:** Module 2 English Language Training.

5. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** See RMAS Commissioning Course Start Requirement
English Language ability IELTS 5.5 with no less than 5 in any individual skill.
Fitness, Candidates are required to be physically fit. The minimum standard in running is to be able to run 1.5 miles or 2,5 kilometres in less than 11 minutes.

6. **DURATION:** 3 weeks.

7. **FREQUENCY:** 3 times per year leading directly to the RMAS Commissioning Course.

8. **EXAMINATIONS/
QUALIFICATIONS
GAINED:** Final proficiency tests In drill and weapon handling.
Continuous monitoring of progress.

10. **REMARKS:** The Course Officer is a British Army Captain who has an excellent understanding of what is required of students on the RMAS Commissioning Course.

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BRITISH MILITARY ENGLISH COURSE (ARMY)

1. **AIM OF COURSE:** The aims are to:
Help students improve their English. Introduce students to British culture and history.
Provide students with an insight into the organisation and workings of the British Armed Forces,
2. **OUTLINE SYLLABUS:** Intensive English Language training focussing on the four skills of English Language and also on the speaking skills required for giving presentations and briefings within the British military environment,
In addition to the fixed syllabus that includes both formal language training and content teaching, BMEC students are encouraged to select specific topics and skills on which they would like to focus. Examples of special options are presentation skills; essay/report writing and self access study,
3. **RANK RANGE:** Senior Captain to Lieutenant Colonel or equivalent. Other officer ranks and civilians working within the defense environment may also be accepted.
4. **RELATED COURSES:** Some students return to DSL to take the following courses:
Module 3 English Language Training.
English Language Course for the Advanced Command & Staff Course.
5. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** Students must possess a minimum basic English Language ability of IELTS 4.0 with no one-language skill lower than 3.5.
6. **DURATION:** 12 weeks.
7. **FREQUENCY:** 2 courses per year.
8. **EXAMINATIONS:** The course is aimed at middle-ranking Officers with the potential to rise to senior positions in their own country's Armed Forces,
a Students take a placement test at the beginning of the course. The course is taught at two separate levels. The first is designed for Post-Elementary students The second level is more suited to those at Intermediate level. Both courses include mid-term and end-of-course assessments which will measure students' SLP level.
9. **REMARKS:** The Course Director is a serving military officer. The course instructors have extensive knowledge and experience of the British military system and of English language teaching to military personnel. The course programme includes a wide range of military visits and special-to-service modules. A one-week home-stay with a British family is included, as are presentations by visiting speakers from both the military and civilian fields. Students attending the course also attend a variety of social and cultural events both at DSL and elsewhere.
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ENGLISH FOR THE ADVANCED COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE

1. **AIM OF COURSE:** To prepare students for attendance on the Advanced Command & Staff Course (ACSC) at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, (JSCSC) Shrivenham.
2. **OUTLINE SYLLABUS:** The course covers both general English and Specialised Military English subject matter. Specialist instruction is also given in the design and delivery of military presentations and briefing.
3. **RANK RANGE:** Majors to Colonels
4. **RELATED COURSES:** Module 3 English Language Course for Prospective Staff College Students.
4. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** Prospective students must already have been selected to attend the ACSC at the JSCSC They must possess a minimum level of English Language proficiency of IELTS 6 with no lower than 5.5 In any one language skill.
5. **DURATION:** 6 weeks.
6. **FREQUENCY:** One course per year, immediately preceding the ACSC at the JSCSC Shrivenham.
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MODULE 2 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR OVERSEAS CADETS ATTENDING RMAS

1. **AIM OF COURSE:** To develop students' English in all four skills to an exit standard of IELTS 5.5; to develop students' drill and weapons handling; and to assimilate students into the British military and cultural environment.
2. **OUTLINE SYLLABUS.** The syllabus covers both general and military English topics as well as drill, weapons training and some physical training.
3. **RANK RANGE:** Officer Cadets.
4. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** English language ability. IELTS 4,5 to 5.5 with no less than four in any individual skill. Students with a higher overall rating than 5.5 will proceed directly to the relevant Special to Service Course.
5. **DURATION:** 10 weeks.
6. **FREQUENCY:** 3 times per year leading directly to the RMASA Commissioning Course.
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MODULE 3- ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STAFF COLLEGE STUDENTS

1. **AIM OF COURSE:**
 - a. To improve students' proficiency in all four language skills to enable them to benefit from their subsequent attendance on the Advanced Command and Staff Course.
 - b. To provide a background in British cultural studies to enable the students to integrate into the course harmoniously and contribute knowledgeably to the discussion groups.

2. **OUTLINE SYLLABUS:**
 - a. Comprehend spoken English, especially in lectures by native-speakers and in discussion groups,
 - b. Speak English at a minimum of 5.5 on the IELTS scale.
 - c. Understand written English at the level of reading academic texts.
 - d. Write effectively in English to the level of producing a Service paper on a general military topic,
 - e. Take notes from lectures and discussions.

3. **RANK RANGE** Majors to Colonels

4. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** Minimum score of 5.5 on the IELTS scale. Candidates should be tested in their country prior to acceptance.

5. **DURATION:** 6 weeks.

6. **FREQUENCY:** One per year, followed immediately by the English for the Advanced Command and Staff Course (see section 5).

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BESPOKE MILITARY ENGLISH COURSES (ARMY)

1. **REMARKS;** Military English Language courses can be specially designed to order. The syllabus and content of these courses will be specifically matched to meet the needs of potential customers,
Examples of courses successfully delivered in the recent past include the following:
Special one-to-one tuition for the Head of the Armed Forces.
Military English for intelligence Officers.
Military English for Signals Officers.
Military English for Combined Joint Task Force Operations.-
Military English for Staff Officers.
Military English for Young Officers.
Military English for Junior Non Commissioned Officers.
2. **RANK RANGE:** Courses can be designed to meet the needs of any rank, from officer cadet to General, The school has recent experience at all these levels.
3. **ENTRY STANDARDS:** Teaching is not provided to students with no English Language ability whatsoever. The minimum entry standard is IELTS 3.5.
4. **DURATION:** From 1 week upward.
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