

# NEW VISTAS

(Since 1999)

(For a greater understanding of the English Language and Literature)

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## PROSPECTUS

### ABOUT NEW VISTAS

New Vistas started its journey in 1999 with an aim at promoting a greater understanding of the English Language and Literature. With the guidance of New Vistas, students of BA (Honours) and MA courses of Calcutta University always prove themselves excellent in their academic career.

## **Why New Vistas**

Only one sided TEACHING (i.e. teachers only teach, and do not pay attention to whether students understand or get interest) is an old method. It makes the lessons monotonous and boring. Therefore, we are dedicated to smooth the active running of the **TEACHING-LEARNING PROGRAMMES**. Teaching Learning Programme is a method where teachers not only deliver lectures but also pay enough attention to whether students LEARN. For the students of lower merit, there is facility of REMEDIAL CLASSES without any additional payment of fees.

## **Study Materials**

We believe dictating notes involves students in an uninteresting activity, which is responsible for distracting students' mind. It is nothing but a waste of time. Hence, we encourage them to write their answers themselves. To fulfill this end, P Das our material-maker, as an ELT expert, devises different new methods to unlock students' linguistic and cognitive potential. However, we also provide material with the following characteristics:

1. Printed Study Materials
2. International Standard but simple language
3. Geared to score very high marks [the highest marks scored till now is 584 out of 800 (73%)].

## **Class Tests and Mock Tests**

We arrange regular class tests and mock tests and evaluations so that students have opportunity enough to avoid mistakes committed in the final examinations.

## Some Difficult Areas New Vistas Boasts of

### I. Interpretation of Literature

English literature is greatly indebted to the **classic literature**, i.e. Greek and Latin literature, and to **the Bible**. To make the New Vistasians well versed in these, New Vistas organizes additional classes or seminars on the classic literature and *the Bible* along with their symbolic interpretations. All these are supported by the most recent researches about the subjects concerned.

### II. Linguistics, Phonetics and Modern Grammar

New Vistas proudly boasts of the best guidance and faculty (in West Bengal and many other states) in the field of Linguistics, Phonetics and Modern Grammar included in one of the eight papers of **English MA course**. We have a fine and up-to-date mini language laboratory to encourage a greater understanding of the field concerned.

### III. Philology (in 1st Year syllabus)

Philology is one of the most intricate areas in the BA Honours (English) syllabus. To adeptly handle this field, it is necessary to have (i) a sound knowledge of German as English has its origin in the Germanic language family, and (ii) specialization in linguistics, as philology deals with the growth and structure of English. The faculty provided by New Vistas has specialization in this field.

#### **IV. Prosody (in 3rd Year syllabus)**

Prosody is another difficult area in the English Honours syllabus. Without specialization in phonetics, it is next to impossible to handle the chapter skillfully. The faculty provided by New Vistas has expertise in this field.

#### **V. Creative Writing (in 3rd Year syllabus)**

So many students are there to speak fluent English but most of them feel a **writers-block** when they are to write an article on film-review or an essay. To unlock this block, New Vistas applies its expertise of ***Pedagogy of Developing Writing Skill.***

## Faculty-Members

### P Das

- MA in English, CGL<sup>1</sup>, PGCTE<sup>2</sup> (EFLU<sup>3</sup>)
- **Author, *Vibrant Voices from American Poetry*** (ISBN: 978-81-88453-24-5), a treatise meant for the university students and the poetry enthusiasts
- P Das is “a hard-working scholar.” His ardent devotion to literary and cultural studies sets him apart from the common run. He leaves no stone of the English language and literature unturned. He is well-versed in different European languages and their literature including German, Greek, and Latin and with this knowledge he adeptly decodes the symbolic codes of the English literature. With his profound knowledge of linguistics and phonetics, he very skillfully deals with philology, the most intricate area in the BA English Honours course. Presently he is writing an authentic text book on English Philology meant for different Indian universities including Calcutta University.

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<sup>1</sup> **CGL**: Certified in the German Language

<sup>2</sup> **PGCTE** is a UGC Refresher course which includes seven specializations as follow:

1. Interpretation of Literature, 2. Linguistics, 3. Phonetics and Spoken English, 4. Modern English Grammar and Usage, 5. Pedagogy (Methods of Teaching English), 6. Materials Making, 7. Practice Teaching

<sup>3</sup> **EFLU**: The English and Foreign Languages University

## Advisor and Paper-Checker

### Priyabrata Chakrabarty

Priyabrata Chakrabarty was engaged in the teaching of the English language and literature in New Alipore College for more than three decades, and also served as Head of the Department. Presently he teaches the same subject as a guest professor in THK Jain College. He is a distinguished teacher and has a wide range of interests in both British and American works of literature. His love for American poetry was enkindled by his participation in a seminar on American Poetry at **American Studies Research Centre (ASRC)**, Hyderabad in 1971, chaired by **Dr. Edward G. Lueders**, a contemporary American poet, and the chairman of the department of English, **Utah University, USA**. Besides, he has all through his career devoted himself to serious studies of English, Bengali and Sanskrit literature. Above all, the veteran teacher has, throughout his long career, been a living inspiration to a large number of students.

## Counsellor

### Madhurima Ghosh

- Counsellor at **Dishari Mental Hospital**

[To help students to increase the power of concentration and to bring the mental disturbances under control]

## Administrator

### Somenath Das

- Associate-author, *A Boon Companion to Madhyamik English* and *A Boon Companion to HS English*

# STUDENT CHARTER

## Tutorial Responsibilities

- To facilitate effective running of the teaching-learning programmes (for details, see **Why New Vistas** at **page 5**)
- To ensure that the student assessment procedures and systems are reliable and valid
- To use feedback from students in the initiation, review and redesign of programmes
- To promote values, social responsibilities and good citizenship in all students

## Students' Responsibilities

- To appreciate the institutional goal and objective and contribute to their realization
- To understand the teaching learning strategies and evaluation system of the institution
- To undertake regular and intense study of learning materials
- To make optimum use of learning resources
- To prepare for continuous assignments
- To give feedback for system improvement

## Payment of Tuition Fees

1. The institution follows a strict principle regarding payment of fees and the students are expected to follow the principle.
2. Fees must be paid in advance.
3. It is mandatory to clear the fees throughout the year, since one is admitted. That is, no gap is allowed during or after the examination of a class.
4. A student unable to follow the principle should take permission to continue the classes (this exemption is validated only one month)
5. If any student, however, does not follow the principle, his/her name will be struck off.

## Tuition Fees and Number of Classes

### For Students of New Vistas

Head	Tuition Fees (Rs.)	Number of classes (weekly)	Maximum number of students in a batch
BA (Hons.) 1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Literature, History of Literature and Philology)	1400	2 days	20
BA (Hons.) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (all)	1400	2 days	20
BA (Hons.) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (Literature and Creative Writing)	1600	2 days	20
MA (English Literature) Part-I & Part-II	2000	2 days	20
MA (English Linguistics & Phonetics) Part-I & Part-II	800	1 day	20

### Study Materials

Details	Charge
All the materials required for the course ( <b>printed</b> )	Nil

### Class Tests and Mock Tests

Details	Charge
Monthly one mock test in the format of Calcutta University (along with evaluative marks, and remarks by the CU examiners)	Nil

### For External Candidates

Details	Charge (Rs.)
<b>Study Materials</b>	Easy Version: 6000.00 Advanced Version: 10,000.00
<b>Class Tests and Mock Tests</b> (along with evaluative marks, and remarks by the CU examiners)	Per Paper: 300.00 10 Mock Tests: 2000.00