CURRICULUM CONTENT

1. Building supporting skills

- Get acquainted with the test
- Reviewing learner strategies
- Studying note-taking techniques
- Learning to paraphrase
- Learning to summarize
- Practice taking abbreviated notes
- Identifying the words with multiple meanings
- Study prefixes, suffixes, common roots
- Identify difficulties in pronunciation
- Analyze, indicate, and imitate speech patterns
- Grammar Review: word forms, clauses, verbs, referents, parallel structures, connecting ideas, articles, word order, comparisons, prepositional phrases

2. Reading skills

- Practice understanding meaning from context
- Understand the authors meaning
- Choose the best synonym
- Practice understanding the connection of ideas
- Locate referents within sentences and a passage
- Understand transitions and connectors
- Practice understanding details
- Find facts
- Understand exceptions
- Locate restated information
- Practice making inferences
- Practice making conclusions
- Locate sources for inferred information
- Identify inferences in paragraphs
- Draw conclusions
- Understand summaries
- Identify summary ideas
- Organize information into charts
3. **Listening skills**

- Practice understanding natural speech
- Identify the meaning of filler phrases and reductions
- Practice understanding connections
- Identify referents in conversation, and a lecture
- Use signals to understand conversations and lectures
- Practice identifying the topics
- Predict the topics
- Identify a change in the topic
- Understand restatements
- Recognize and organize information
- Understand inferences and draw conclusions
- Identify attitudes, the speaker’s purpose and meaning
- Infer reasons

4. **Writing skills**

- Practice writing coherently
  a) Connecting ideas using transitional expressions
  b) Defining words and phrases
  c) Connecting ideas using parallel structures
  d) Adding cohesion
- Practice writing concisely
  a) Making sentences concise
  b) Making paragraphs concise
- Identify topics and tasks
- Make a mind map and check ideas on the mind map
- Practice writing introductions
  a) Writing introductory paragraphs
  b) Narrowing the topic
  c) Writing a thesis statement
- Practice writing body paragraphs
  a) Writing topic sentences
  b) Writing supporting ideas
  c) Adding details to paragraphs
- Practice writing conclusions
  a) Restating the thesis statements
b) Writing a concluding statement
• Practice analyzing essays
• Practice paraphrasing and summarizing
• Practice integrating passages
• Practice responding to the integrated writing task

5. **Speaking Skills**

• Pronunciation
  a) Concentrating on consonant sounds, and clusters
  b) Focusing on stress patterns and linking verbs
  c) Reviewing intonation

• Cohesion
  a) Connecting ideas using transitional expressions
  b) Defining words and phrases
  c) Connecting ideas using parallel structures
  d) Finding inconsistency
  e) Connecting ideas using pronouns

• Respond to a personal preference task
• Sequence ideas for personal experience
• Respond to a personal choice task
• Respond to an integrated task