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2ND ROUND OF IELTS COMPLETED

NEW FACULTY

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Rhapsody

Don’t speak of your suffering — He is speaking.
Don’t look for Him everywhere — He’s looking for you.

An ant’s foot touches a leaf, He senses it;
A pebble shifts in a stream bed, He knows it.

If there’s a worm hidden deep in a rock,
He’ll know its body, tinier than an atom,
The sound of its praise, its secret ecstasy —
All this He knows by divine knowing.

He has given the tiniest worm its food;
He has opened to you the Way of the Holy Ones.

— Abûl-Majd Majdûd b. Adam Sanâ’î

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Participation in All Pakistan Inter University Shining Stars Competitions

The 5th All Pakistan Inter University Shining Stars Competitions was held between 12th to 17th October, 2011 at UMT and The University of Punjab. It was organized by SAFE, Study Aid Foundation for Excellence. The students participated in six categories of competitions including Husn e Qira’at, Husn e Na’at, Essay Writing, Speech competition, Poetry and painting. They were accompanied by Ms. Shazia Aziz, Ms. Amna Naveed and Mr. Rao Kashif Jalil, Humanities Department. All the participants were awarded certificates and books for participation and the faculty was given shields and books for being guests of honour.

The first round was held at the university level in which Ms. Shazia Aziz and Mr. Mudassar Awan selected the students for participation. The second round was held at the provincial level among universities at UMT, Lahore, in which Syed Tajmeel Hussain of Chemical Engineering Department succeeded in grabbing the third position among speakers. The final round was the All Pakistan level round held at The University of Punjab, Lahore in which Hira Ejaz from Department of Architecture and Design, won the first position in painting competition winning a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, a shield and a certificate.
A One-Day Trip was organized to Mitchell’s Fruit Farm by Ms. Sadaf Fatima for the students of BBA-15B studying the course “Report Writing Skills”. The DCO Humanities Mr. Hafeezullah Shah also accompanied the troupe. The students were supposed to write a long report as a project by the end of semester for this course. This trip was arranged to facilitate and fulfill that purpose. The students took a detailed tour of the manufacturing plant upon reaching Mitchell’s Farm. It is one of the biggest manufacturing plants in the country. They manufacture Jam, Jelly, Pickles, Sauces, Ketchup, Squashes, Toffees and Candies on pre-decided days of every month. On the day of visit the students saw the complete manufacturing process of Green Chilli Sauce, Tomato Ketchup, Bon Bon Toffee and Chocolate Preparation for Chocolate Bar. Afterwards, the manufacturing areas of other products were also visited although they were not active at that time. The guide took the troupe for a trip around the vast and beautiful farms.

Mitchell’s produces all the farm products for manufacturing various products on their own farms that are spread over a 15 kilometers area. On coming out of the farm a cattle farm was also visited. The last place visited was The Fair Price Shop having all the products at reasonably reduced prices. Newly introduced products such as half-cooked canned vegetables and sugar-free squashes for weight loss were given much attention by the students.
Participation In
Taqreebaat-e-yaum-e-iqbal Organized By
Nazaria-e-Pakistan Foundation On 16th
and 19th November, 2011.

Ms. Shazia Aziz selected and prepared
the following students who participated
in the following competitions:

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Participation In
The 31st All Pakistan Bilingual
Declamation Contest, 2011 Held At
GCU, Lahore On 2nd November,
2011

The participants were selected by
Ms. Shazia Aziz and prepared for
the competition under the
guidance of Ms. Shazia Aziz and
Mr. Rao Kashif Jalil.
They were accompanied to the
competition by Ms. Maria Shamim
and Ms. Maryam Jahangir.

- Mr. Samar Kamal Fazli attended the HEC-NTS 4TH TOT workshop on
  “Test Items Construction Techniques” conducted from 12-15
  December 2011 in the HEC Regional Center, Lahore.

- Dr. Filza Waseem, Ms. Amna Naveed, Ms. Ammara Adeel and Mr. Rao
  attended a seminar on “Adult Language Acquisition: the DIY Way” in
  UMT on 24th November 2011.

LECTURES & SEMINARS

Lecture On "Arab Intifada: Military Rule Or People's Power"

This lecture was arranged on 2nd November 2011 by Ms. Sara Saeed. The
speaker was Mr. Raza Naeem, Assistant Professor from Department of
Management Sciences.

The lecture focused on the historical and political context of the victorious
peoples' uprisings in Tunis and Cairo and its reverberations throughout the
region, including Israel, Palestine, Iran, Lebanon as well as the Greater
Middle East and North Africa.

At the end of the lecture Mr. Raza Naeem was presented with a souvenir
and letter of thanks by Dr. Hina Abbassi, Advisor, Department of
Humanities.
Ms. Amna Naveed from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences arranged a seminar on “The Sociolinguistic Dimensions of SMS Language: Internet Language”. Mr. Shaban Rafi, lecturer at UMT Lahore, delivered a useful talk on Internet language.

In his presentation he enlightened various linguistic and social aspects of SMS language. Moreover he discussed the problems that students are facing in acquiring and using standard languages, (English and Urdu, in local scenario) due to increased dependency on computer or internet language, and how to overcome these problems.
The presentation not only elucidated communication habits of male and female texters but it also illuminated the ever increasing frequency of SMS that has attracted even the entrepreneurs to market their products.

Seminar On Youm-e-Sakot-e-Dhaka

A seminar was held at Aiwan e Iqbal Lahore on "YOUM E SAKOT E DHAKA" on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 3 pm. Ms. Sarah Saeed and Ms. Maryam Jahangir attended the seminar with 20 students. Mr. Khursheed Mahmood Kasuri (former foreign minister), Mr. Shamshad Ahmad Khan (former foreign secretary), Gen(r) Muhammad Javaid, Auria Maqbool Jan(scholar), Mr. Arif Nizami and other dignitaries addressed the audience.
The discussion was thought provoking as the emphasis of the speakers was on self-analysis, cooperation, acceptance of others and on accepting the mistakes we did in the past which led to the loss and creation of Bangladesh.

Ms. Maryam Jahangir attended a seminar on 24th December regarding the Birth Anniversary of the Quaid e Azam at Aiwan-e-Iqbal. Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan, Prof. Hassan Askari Rizvi, Iftikhar Ahmad, Mujeeb ur Rehman Shami were the speakers.

**PROMOTIONS**

Dr. Shazia Hassan

Head of Humanities Department was promoted to Associate Professor.

Heartiest congratulations to her on behalf of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.
The faculty members listed below accomplished the following milestones:

- **Ms. Ayesha Aziz**
  has secured long term indigenous Scholarship under the scholarship scheme by English language teaching reforms (ELTR), 2011 by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan. The scholarship is awarded only to 5 candidates in Punjab; the scholarship is awarded to her on her enrollment in M.Phil. in ELT at Kinnaird College Lahore.

- **Ms. Kaneez Fatima**
  has started pursuing her PhD in Pakistan Studies from the Pakistan Studies Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

- **Ms. Ammara Adeel**
  completed her M.Phil. in Applied Linguistics from University of Management and Technology (UMT) Lahore. Her thesis title was “Language Anxiety in ESL learners in Pakistan.”

- **Ms. Fatima Javed**
  completed her M.Phil in English Literature from Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore.
RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- **Uzma Rana Shamsi**
  Critical and Innovative Pedagogies for Social Change (ICT Based Pedagogies and Related Teacher Education), American Journal of Contemporary Research, July, 2011:

- **Imran Haider Naqvi, Shazia Aziz and Kashif-ur-Rehman**
  The Impact of Stake holder Communication on Project Outcome’,

- **Imran Haider Naqvi, Syed Haider Ali Bokhari, Shazia Aziz and Kashif-ur-Rehman**
  ‘The Impact of Human Resource (HR) Performance Management on Project Outcome’,

- **Imran Haider Naqvi, Shazia Aziz, Syed Abbas Haider Zaidi and Kashif-ur-Rehman**
**BOOK PUBLICATION**

**Dr. Tahira Jibeen**

published a book on psychology, the details of which are as follows: Jibeen, T. & Khalid, R. (2011).


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**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

**Ms. Ammara Adeel**

presented paper in Shanghai International Conference on Social Science (August 17-20), Shanghai, China. The title of the paper presented was “Investigating factors that cause language anxiety in second language learners and its impact on English Language Communication”.

**Dr. Shazia Hasan**

presented a paper on “The Role of Religiosity on Suicide among Depressed Patients” at 2nd International Conference on Behavioral, Cognitive and Psychological Sciences in Maldives. The paper has also been published in the conference proceedings.
2nd Round Of IELTS Successfully Completed

The department of humanities launched its 2nd IELTS Preparatory course from 31st of October, 2011. This is a 40-hours duration course.

Following faculty is teaching this course:

- **Listening Skills**  Ms. Amna Naveed
- **Speaking Skills**  Mr. Muhammad Kashif Jalil
- **Reading Skills**  Mr. Samar Kamal Fazli
- **Writing Skills**  Ms. Shazia Aziz

37th Convocation of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore Campus 2011

The following Faculty from the Department of Humanities actively participated in the 37th Convocation of CIIT by taking charge of the microphone, speeches, Tilawat and Stage decoration:

- Dr. Filza Waseem
- Ms. Ayesha Aziz
- Ms. Maryam Jahangir
- Mr. Ahsan Bashir
- Ms. Ammara Adeel
- Ms. Sara Saeed
- Mr. Kashif Jalil
- Ms. Sadaf Fatima
- Ms. Fatima Javed
- Ms. Shazia Aziz
- Mr. Mudassar Hussain Awan
A recent addition to the faculty of Humanities is

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Chugtai.

He joined COMSATS Lahore in August 2011. He has vast experience of teaching at various colleges and universities of Pakistan since 1983. He is also former member of various prestigious government bodies.

He did his PhD in International Relations from University of Jamshoro Sindh. He has also been chief editor of “Journal of Middle East and Arab World, Area Study Center” University of Baluchistan, Quetta, Vol. VI, 1996. In addition to foreign exposure like Gulf States, He has also been to United States of America under International Visitor Programme (I.V.P.). This was sponsored by State Department and the theme of the programme was, “Conflict and Conflict Resolution”.

He received Certificate in” Transformation of Conflict Resolution”, from Eastern Virginia University, Eastern Virginia (U.S.A) in 2001.

He has conducted and disseminated many seminars and workshops on topics in relevance with International Relations. He is an active member of academic organizations besides teaching.
Another Welcome addition to the department is

**Dr. Filza Waseem**

She has been teaching English for the past 19 years to students of diverse needs and educational backgrounds in various private and state-run institutions of Pakistan. Her area of interest focuses the sociolinguistic aspect of elitist English Language Teaching in post-colonial countries like Pakistan.

Her PhD research examines the impact of ELT methodologies on learners’ identity, their subject construction and how English has become implicated in social formulations, causing a concern that its dominant position vis-a-vis local languages could cause a language shift. She has taught in the National University of Modern Languages for over ten years and has recently joined COMSATS CIIT, Lahore.
Ms. Shazia Aziz and Ms. Maria Shamim are attending the All Campus Faculty Development Program organized Faculty Development Academy, Islamabad. The training workshop is from 2-27 January 2012.

Ms. Shazia Aziz selected participants after audition for competing in reading/singing SufianaKalam competition to be held on 14 January, 2011 in Faisalabad.

...the last word...

...With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started...

- T.S. Eliot, from "Little Gidding", The Four Quartets