

**St. Francis Xavier's College**  
**Course Outline 2023 – 2024 Form 3 English (First Term)**

Cycle	Course Book		Writing	Listening/ Speaking	Language Arts & Non-language Arts/ LAC
	Reading	Grammar			
1	<b>Unit 1: What makes a good film?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Guessing the meaning of unknown words and expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indefinite pronouns</li> <li>● Defining and non-defining noun phrases</li> <li>● Passive voice</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #1:</b> Letter of Complaint	Module 1  GI	<b>Short Stories:</b> 'A brother like that'
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4	<b>Unit 4: What do we get from the arts?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Identifying attitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Past perfect tense</li> <li>● Reporting statements</li> <li>● Reporting questions</li> <li>● Reporting instructions</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #2:</b> Newsletter Article	Test Paper 1  IP	<b>Short Stories:</b> 'The Speckled Band' (Story 3)
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7	<b>Unit 2: How can we help others?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Inferring meaning from context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bare infinitives, gerunds and to-infinitives</li> <li>● Using <i>must, have to, and need to</i></li> <li>● Using <i>wish/if only</i> with the past perfect tense</li> <li>● Using <i>unless</i></li> <li>● Conditional sentences</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #3:</b> (Letter of) Proposal	Module 2  IP + GI	<b>Poem:</b> 'What if'
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11	<b>Unit 5: What does the future hold?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Following the development of a point of view or argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Present and past participles as adjectives</li> <li>● Present participle phrases</li> <li>● Past participle phrases</li> <li>● Indirect questions</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #5:</b> Self-reflections	Test Paper 2  IP	<b>Popular culture:</b> Movie viewing – <i>17 Again</i>  <b>Chinese culture:</b> <i>The Power of            Mind and Body</i>
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15	<b>Unit 7: How can we make society better for all?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Understanding figurative language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Although/though</i> and <i>despite/in spite of</i></li> <li>● Using <i>so, so that</i> and <i>so as to</i></li> <li>● Transitional words and phrases</li> <li>● Question tags</li> <li>● Inversion</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #7:</b> Letter to the Editor	Module 3  GI	<b>Short Stories:</b> 'The Speckled Band' (Story 1)
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18	<b>Unit 8: What do people work for?</b>  <b>Reading skills:</b> Distinguishing fact from opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjective patterns (additional notes)</li> <li>● Tenses (past, present and future)</li> <li>● Agreement</li> </ul>	<b>Writing #8:</b> Letter of Application	Test Paper 3  IP + GI	<b>Poem:</b> Autobiographical Poems
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**Form 3 English Language 2023-2024**  
**Mode of Assessment**

Paper	Marks
<b>General English</b>	75
<b>Writing</b>	60
<b>Listening &amp; Integrated Skills</b>	60
<b>Speaking</b>	40
<b>Continuous Assessment</b>	Test(s): 25 Reading Portfolio: 10 Participation: 10 Dictation: 20
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>