

A Basic Introduction to French Language

Semester- III

G.E. I (50 marks/4 credits)

Unit A: Introduction to French Language : DELF A1 level

1. Alphabets, accents, phonetics

2. Situation and Function oriented Grammar

i) Introduce oneself and fill up a basic form (for passport/visa/entry permissions/ transport)

ii) Speak of one's nationality, profession, hobbies, habitation, family.

iii) Ask for: specifications related to purchase of food, tickets, hotel booking, travel tickets by metro/bus/train.

iv) reserve a place in a hotel, basic conversation with friends regarding invitation to watch movies, attend a party, email invites.

v) write an email/letter regarding one's query regarding an advertisement for job, describing one's place of stay in India/France, speak of one's everyday experiences.

3. Written and Oral Comprehension on the topics mentioned in the above-mentioned situations.

Unit B: Culture and History of France (Taught in English)

A. France and its Neighbours:

i) A general Introduction to the countries around France

ii) Geographical features of France

B. History of famous personalities/movements

- i) Louis XIVth and the Palace of Versailles
- ii) The French Revolution
- iii) French Philosophers behind the Revolution: Montesqieu and Voltaire, Rousseau and Descartes
- iv) Napoleon Bonaparte

C) Life in France at present (videos from Youtube and from TV5 Monde)

Current topics: Indo-French ties, French economic and scientific and technological scenario, famous tourist destinations, Institutes of higher studies in France, French cuisine.

Project and Examination

Unit A:

1. Exercices based on Situation based Grammar, Writing short email/ filling up of forms, introducing oneself verbally/writing a letter of introduction.
2. Communication: Presentation of a famous personality/ a famous place
3. Conversation regarding basic life-situations: purchase/ query/information.

Unit B: Presentation in English regarding

1. A topic covered in the Culture and Civilisation :
Introducing an Indian historical event, place of importance/ personality to an French public/tourist/friend (through written paragraph and a verbal presentation).