

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



Revised Syllabus for Certificate Course in French

(with effect from the academic year 2018-19)

Objectives :

- To read and write short, simple texts.
- To understand a dialogue between two native speakers and also take part in short, simple conversations using the skills acquired.

Textbook prescribed : Edito A1/ Alter Ego Plus A1 (subject to availability of books)

COMMUNICATION

The course develops oral and written skills of understanding, expressing and exchanging information/interacting on the topics given below :

- Establish contact with someone
- Introduce self and others
- Greet, congratulate, express condolences
- Spell
- Count
- Exchange simple information on self, preferences, feelings, plans, dreams
- Ask for information
- Tell the time
- Advise, order, suggest
- Buy, sell
- Make a reservation
- Order food or any article
- Invite, accept or refuse invitation
- Fix an appointment
- Locate a place
- Give directions
- Give chronological order of events
- Prepare an itinerary
- Ask for/give directions
- Describe a person, an object, an event, a place
- Describe the weather
- Compare

PHONETICS

The course develops the ability

- To pronounce words, say sentences, questions and give orders using the right accent and intonation
- To express surprise, doubt, fear, displeasure and all positive or negative feelings using the right intonation
- To use 'liaison' and 'enchaînement'
- To distinguish voiced and unvoiced consonants
- To distinguish between vowel sounds

GRAMMAR

The course develops the ability to construct sentences and frame questions using

- Nouns - gender and number
- Articles - definite and indefinite, partitif, articles contractifs
- Pronouns - personal, relative
- Verbs - conjugation of regular and irregular verbs (affirmative and negative) in the following tenses (indicative mood) -- present, present continuous, simple future, immediate future, present part, simple past, past continuous
- Verbs - the imperative mood
- Adjectives - numeric, qualitative, possessive, demonstrative, interrogative- gender and number
- Adverbs - Simple adverbs of time, place, quantity
- Prepositions - simple prepositions (place, time)
- Interrogation - interrogative words, interrogative phrases, inversion

Certificate course: equivalent to CEFRL A1 level

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

Written paper - 100 marks

1. Reading comprehension - 10 marks
2. Translation
French to English -7 marks
English to French - 8 marks
3. Grammar - 50 marks
4. Vocabulary - 5 marks
5. Composition - 20 marks, 2 short texts of 10 marks each (letter and essay of 70/80 words)

Oral Examination - 50 marks

1. Reading a short passage in French - 10 marks
2. Discussion on given topic - 10 marks
3. General conversation - 10 marks
4. Dictation - 10 marks
5. Listening comprehension - 10 marks

Standard of passing

In order to pass the diploma in French examination a candidate must obtain a minimum of 50 % marks in the written paper (100 marks) and in the oral examination (50 marks) separately and an aggregate of 50 % (= at least 75/150 marks in total)

The final total result will then be scaled down to 100%.