

French-Level I (Intermediate Course)

Duration 60 Hours

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

The Intermediate Course - I allows the candidate to take part in simple social interactions e.g. the candidate will be able to ask about their day to day activities. The candidate will be able to ask what the others do in their spare time. The candidate is able to reply to similar kinds of questions. The candidate can describe, using simple words, a daily event at home or at school, describe their opinion about a situation or an event and provide a brief indication of reasons for their opinions. Equally, the candidate will be able to provide a short, simple account of something experienced (e.g. a trip or a party), produce a summary of a short story expressed in a simple sequence of events and to talk about familiar places, historical figures, and events using simple vocabulary and language constructions. The candidate can follow instructions for using everyday equipment (e.g. cash dispensers, ticket dispensers etc.), understand short instructions (e.g. cooking instructions on food packages; instructions for mobile phone use, extract and understand the main information in short articles and reports (e.g. discussions on the Internet, letters to the editor etc.) if they deal with familiar objects. The candidate is able to exchange useful information with friends in e-mails or short letters and to provide information on everyday issues.

Outline of the examination pattern, syllabi and the courses of reading for Intermediate Course - I in French :

There will be 3 papers:

Two written Papers (Paper I and II), each of three hours duration and for 50 marks.

Paper III will comprise of Internal Assessment for 100 marks.

PAPER – I

50 marks

1. Questions on Applied Grammar pertaining to the prescribed textbook. 30 marks
2. Translation from French to English (based on the vocabulary covered in the prescribed textbook). 10 marks
3. Translation from English to French (based on the vocabulary covered in the prescribed textbook). 10 marks

PAPER – II

50 marks

1. General questions based on the topics/literature covered in the prescribed textbook. 30 marks
2. Sentences to be framed in French using idioms and everyday expressions. 10 marks
3. Questions on Civilization pertaining to the prescribed textbook 10 marks

PAPER – III

100 marks

1. Oral comprehension of 3-4 documents related to everyday life in France. 20 marks
(Instructions pertaining to each listening exercise: Before the recording is played, the candidates will be given 1 minute to read the questionnaire. The recording will be played thrice and there will be a pause of 30 seconds after each listening session. Once the oral comprehension test is complete for the given exercise, the candidates will be given 1 minute to review the answers.)

2. Conversation 30 marks

- a. General discussion & Presentation– 10 marks

(The candidate talks about himself/herself and his/her immediate environment. The examiner, if required, will pose further questions to the candidate related to the same topics. The candidate will also speak on a topic given by the examiner concerning life, habits, activities, interests or surroundings of the candidate.

Examples of questions asked:

- i. Speak about a friend. Narrate how you met him/her.
- ii. Tell something about the cuisine of your country/region.
- iii. Describe your routine/daily life...)

- b. Commentary on a visual – 10 marks

- c. Enactment of a scene – 10 marks

(The candidate will perform a role-play with the examiner related to everyday life situations e.g. train reservation, ticket reservation, conversation with a vegetable vendor, accept/refuse an invitation etc. The candidate will be given 5 minutes for preparation).

3. Dictation of an easy unseen text based on the grammar and structure covered in the prescribed textbook. 20 marks

4. Written assignments 30 marks

a. Writing an essay on a familiar topic (250 words) – 15 marks

b. Writing an informal letter (150 words) – 15 marks

Syllabus and Courses of Reading:

Prescribed textbook: *Connexions – 2: Méthode de français* by Régine Mérieux & Yves Loiseau, Didier, Paris, 2004 or the latest available edition (Unit 1-6).

The course material includes:

- A textbook
- A workbook (audio CD included)

Recommended books:

1. Le Nouveau Bescherelle 1, L'Art de conjuguer, Librairie Hatier, Paris.
2. Le Robert & Collins, Dictionnaire Français-Anglais, Anglais - Français.

Note:

The minimum number of marks required to pass the examination shall be as under:

45% marks individually in each paper.

50% marks in aggregate.

Dictionaries are not allowed. Invigilators may be informed accordingly.

Unit-wise syllabus for the Intermediate – I Course in French:

Niveau Intermédiaire - I

Méthode : Connexions 2

Unité 1

Au quotidien

- Décrire les actions d'une journée
- Décrire des actions passées
- Les registres de langue
- S'exprimer sur ses goûts
- Comprendre les échanges d'un groupe de discussion

Unité 2

L'amour de l'art

- Demander à quelqu'un son opinion
- Interroger quelqu'un sur ses goûts
- Exprimer son opinion
- Exprimer le but

Unité 3

Toujours plus !

- Exprimer un jugement de valeur
- S'exprimer sur un texte sur la publicité
- Comparer
- Comprendre les différences de deux éléments comparés
- Comprendre des documents publicitaires

Unité 4

Le tour du monde en 80 jours

- Evoquer des souvenirs ; Parler du passé
- Exprimer l'inquiétude / reconforter quelqu'un

Unité 5

Ici et ailleurs

- Exprimer l'antériorité / la postériorité
- Exprimer la joie / la colère
- Exprimer la fréquence

Unité 6

Projets

- Exprimer le but
- Exprimer le mécontentement
- S'exprimer sur la question du logement
- Exprimer des revendications