

French-Level IV(Intermediate II Course)

Duration 60 Hours

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

At the end of Intermediate Course – II, the candidate becomes an independent user of the language. The course enables the candidate to participate in telephonic conversations with a known audience, sustain a controversial exchange with a peer in the classroom when the topic is familiar, express opinions on familiar subjects and ask for others' opinions, repeat what has been said and convey the information to another person. The candidate can offer comments and otherwise contribute in a small group situation, can briefly explain and justify points of view, assumptions, plans, personal goals and intentions, can describe what is occurring in a film or a book and indicate their personal opinion about it, can retell a simple story read/heard in class, offer an opinion of a short story, play, essay or poem. The candidate can understand factual texts and simple reports on familiar topics, can understand straightforward letters and messages, can identify and understand the important information in simple, clearly drafted print materials such as school handouts, brochures, or newspapers etc. He/She can present an argument clearly enough to be understood most of the time using a fairly large number of words and expressions.

Outline of the examination pattern, syllabi and the courses of reading for Intermediate Course - II 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. 20 marks
2. Translation from French to English. 10 marks
3. Translation from English to French (based on the vocabulary covered in the prescribed textbook). 10 marks
4. An informal letter in French (choice to be given). 10 marks

PAPER – II

50 marks

1. Objective type / short-answer type / long answer-type questions 40 marks
based on *La tour du monde en 80 jours* by Jules Verne.
(Texte en français facile).
2. Questions on Civilization covered in 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 the city where you live.
- ii. Tell something about your favorite dish, tell why you like it.
- iii. Speak about your next vacations: where would you like to go and with whom?...

- 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 structures covered in the prescribed textbook. 20 marks
4. Written assignments 30 marks
 - a. Write an essay on a familiar topic (250 words) / an informal letter to a friend (150 words) -15marks
 - b. Write a resumé and answering questions based on *Le tour du monde en 80 jours* by Jules Verne (Texte en français facile) - 15 marks

Syllabus and Courses of Reading:

Prescribed books:

1. Prescribed textbook: *Connexions – 2: Méthode de français* by Régine Mérieux & Yves Loiseau, Didier, Paris, 2004 or the latest available edition (Unit 7-12).

The course material includes:

- A textbook
 - A workbook (audio CD included)
2. Jules Verne, *Le tour du monde en 80 jours* (texte en français facile)

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 Intermediate Course – II in French:**Niveau Intermédiaire - II****Méthode : Connexions 2****Unité 1****Savoir-vivre**

- Exprimer l'obligation, interdire
- Nuances de sens dans les énoncés (intentions)
- Exprimer des impressions

Unité 2**Sans voiture**

- Exprimer la cause et la conséquence
- Reprocher, se justifier

Unité 3

Un monde solidaire

- Exprimer la condition et l'hypothèse
- Exprimer la tristesse / la déception

Unité 4

Modes et marques

- Justifier un choix
- Protester / se plaindre

Unité 5

Vie active

- Exprimer l'opposition
- Dialoguer au téléphone

Unité 6

Abus de consommation

- Exprimer la surprise
- Approuver une opinion
- Rapporter un discours