

SYLLABUS

FOUNDATION COURSE IN FRENCH - Level - 1

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FOUNDATION COURSE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

General Information

The Foundation Course in French Language is a course of ONE year duration with the examination conducted at the end of the year.

ELIGIBILITY

The candidate who has passed H.S.C (12th) or an equivalent examination.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Foundation course is aimed at students who wish to study French from the beginning.

Students should have attained these objectives by the end of the course:

- To be able to understand and use familiar everyday expressions, to give directions, to describe one's surrounding, to talk about likes and dislikes, to tell time and date, to talk about daily routine and to describe weather.
- To be able to introduce themselves and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people they know and things they have.
- To be able to interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

PASSING NORMS

Minimum 50% obtaining Individual Paper (i.e. Paper I and Paper II)

To pass the Foundation Course Examination in French a candidate has to obtain at least 50% in written Exam (Paper - I) and at least 50% oral and listening Exam (Paper - II) INDIVIDUALLY.

CREDIT POINTS

Lectures - 180 hours (foundation course contains 12 credit points)

METHODOLOGY

The methodology used will be communicative in nature, involving all the four language-skills; writing, reading, speaking and listening.

COURSE TOPICS

1. L'Alphabet et les mots.
2. La phonétique et l'intonation.
3. Les noms et les phrases.

4. Les articles indéfinis, définis et partitifs.
5. Les verbes au présent, les verbes pronominaux.
6. Les adjectifs possessifs, qualificatifs, interrogatifs, démonstratifs.

1. L'interrogation et Les quantificatifs.
2. Les prépositions, adverbes de lieu et la négation.
3. Les adjectifs de nationalité et de couleur - le nombre et le genre.
4. Les pronoms COD.
5. Futur proche.
6. Passé composé et les marqueurs temporels du passé.
7. Imparfait.
8. Impératif.
9. Carte postale.
10. Rédiger les messages.
11. Inviter, accepter et refuser.
12. Lettres informelles.

TEXTBOOKS PRESCRIBED

* Writing:

Cosmopolite - part I (methode de francais)

Saison - Part I (methode de francais - Manuel numerique Premium)

Additional reading material and hand-outs will be made available during the course from time to time.

* Listening and Oral Examination:

Selected conversations from prescribed text book and some additional material which available on-line.

VOCABULARY

Approximately 1500 - 2000 Words. This vocabulary covers following areas / topics in daily life: family, food, accommodation, shopping, health, travel, sightseeing, socializing, media, and hobbies.

DETAILED SYLLABUS TABLE

Aims	Grammar	Vocabulary	Phonetics	Written	Culture etc.	Exercises
Greetings, Self introduction	The verb S'appeler, subject pronoun	Numbers 0-69, words related to the class	Sounds of the language, Numbers	Alphabets	France, Tu or vous	Introducing oneself, asking the other person his/her name
Articles - Definite and indefinite,	-C'est, ce sont, asking and telling identity	Nationalities, Professions, Days and Months	Nasal Vowels	Making one's Visiting card,	Paris, Europe	exercises, Exercises

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Present Conjugation	Indicative of verb être, with negation and verbs ending in 'er', Personal pronouns			Writing short messages		based on articles
Different spaces in the premises (School, college), Situating oneself in those situations Situating oneself in time, Fixing an appointment on phone, describing the day, routine	-Avoir with negation, Verbs ending in 're', Interrogation Est-ce que, Qu'est-ce que, inversion, Pronoun 'on' -Some irregular verbs ending in 'ir' verbs, Prepositions Reflexive verbs	Numbers 70 to infinity, Ordinal Numbers Parts of the body and the face, breakfast	Numbers, songs Listening to a dialogue	Reading and writing a post card, writing a short e mail Fixing an appointment on phone	Regions of France Cheese, wine, perfumes, TGV	Telephonic conversation Telling the time, Conjugation exercises, telephonic conversation, exercises on prepositions

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Inviting someone accepting the invitation	Family, Irregular verbs, types of accommodation, rooms in the house, evening plans Possessive adjectives, Imperative; Feminine, plurals and reflexive verbs		Listening to dialogues	Inviting a friend for dinner	Seasons, Festivals	Dialogues between two friends, Exercises on possessive adjectives
Speaking about one's family, Describing one's house, Recipes	Alimentation 'Futur proche', partitive articles	Vegetables, Fruits, Quantities	Listening to dialogue	Speaking about the family	Tourist places of France	Exercises on Futur Proche, Partitive articles
Reading simple texts such as small Advertisements, letter of invitation etc.	'Passé Récent', Adjectives, Pronoms toniques, Demonstrative adjective	Colours	Listening to dialogues	Writing letters composition etc.	Tourist places of France	Exercises on Passé Récent, pronoms toniques and Demonstrative adjectives
Narrating events, reserving a room in a hotel or an accommodation	Passé composé with Auxiliary verbs AVOIR & ETRE, irregular verbs	Clothing, buying clothes, asking prices, size, Quantity etc.	Listening to dialogues	Dialogues for reserving a room in a hotel, Describing activities of the past	Tourist places of France	Exercise on irregular verbs, dictation
Giving one's opinion, (Croire, penser, etc.), understanding a weather update bulletin	Passé composé, Agreement of Participe Passé, comparison	Modes of Transport	Listening to a dialogue	Discussion of events and giving opinions	Weather	Exercises on Passé composé, comparison and Dictation

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Narration of an event	Future; regular verbs e. irregular verbs	Festivals, vacations, Birthday party, etc. Showing ignorance, certitude, pronouns	Writing dialogues, recording them and listening to them	Dialogue, Spatio-temporal markers	Francophone countries	Exercises on Futur, Dictation
Asking for Directions, Reserving a table, ordering and paying at Restaurant	Imperfect, Present participle, Gerundive, relative pronoun		Writing dialogues, recording them and listening to them	Dialogues for reserving a table, placing an order at Restaurant	Francophone countries	Exercises on Passé compose, Dictation
Explaining what you want to do and proposing activities	Pronoun y and en, Identifying direct and indirect object	Hobbies, soirée, interrogative, Demonstrative pronouns	Writing dialogues, recording them and listening to them	Dialogues	Francophone countries	Exercises on pronouns, Dictation
Giving advice to a friend, a cultural evening	Direct and indirect pronouns	Giving advice	Writing dialogues, recording them and listening to them	India and France dialogues	India and France	Exercises on pronouns, Dictation