

# Syllabus for Admission Test of

## M.A. (FRENCH)

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The question paper will contain 40 marks MCQ and 60 marks subjective type question covering the following units.

#### 1. Advance French Grammar and Composition

- a) Knowledge and accuracy of use of grammatical structures and new vocabulary.
- b) Understand and present a simple literary text ( short story, novel excerpts etc. ) and analyse the text in simple language.
- c) The use of all the Advanced grammar (simple past, preterite perfect, present perfect, imperfect subjunctive, subjunctive pluperfect, adverb clauses etc.) active and passive voice, direct and indirect discourse. \
- d) Read and interpret narratives, including more complex texts on topic of interest. The level must be B2/C1 of CEFR.

#### 2. Readings in French Literature

- a) Le Classicisme : The movement, essential features, principal authors and their works (Racine, Corneille , Molière etc.)
- b) Les Lumières : The philosophers, characteristics, principal writers and their literary works (J.J.Rousseau, Montesquieu, Voltaire etc.)
- c) Le Romantisme : The IXth century important literary movements and their characteristics, romanticism, realism, naturalism, idealism and principal authors of this century.
- d) Le XXème siècle : symbolism and its features, existentialism, absurd, principal authors and their literary works.

#### 3. Political and geographical history of France and its regions

- a) The political and administrative regions (mainland and overseas) of the country.
- b) The geographical locations of cities and regions in France as well as their unique characteristics.
- c) Major events in the history of France, the origin of France, the structure of old regime and the French revolution.
- d) French Imperialism, the rise and decline of republics and world war –II.

#### 4. Art, culture and Civilization of France.

- a) Economic activities, lifestyle, religions, Festivals and celebrations
- b) Food and cuisine, paintings, cinema, music, dance etc.
- c) The exploration of France and its role in the European Union and the Francophone world.
- d) Sports, leisure activities, education, and information on French speaking countries

#### 5. Linguistics and Translation

- a) Language, its different domain and branches of linguistics.
- b) Phonology, morphology, semantics etc.
- c) Procedures and methods of Translation.
- d) Translation of sentences (political news and literary text.)