

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH
FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SYLLABUS FOR

M.A. FRENCH

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 CECR.

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.)