SYLLABUS OF CERTIFICATE COURSE FRENCH

Objectives:

- To read and write short, simple texts.
- To understand a dialogue between two native speakers and also take part in short, simple conversations using the skills acquired.

Textbook prescribed: Alter Ego 1

COMMUNICATION

The course develops oral and written skills of understanding, expressing and exchanging information/interacting on the topics given below:

- Establish contact with someone
- Introduce self and others
- Greet, congratulate, express condolences
- Spell
- Count
- Exchange simple information on self, preferences, feelings, plans, dreams
- Ask for information
- Tell the time
- Advise, order, suggest
- Buy, sell
- Make a reservation
- Order food or any article
- Invite, accept or refuse invitation
- Fix an appointment
- Locate a place
- Give directions
- Give chronological order of events
- Prepare an itinerary
- Ask for/Give explanations
- Describe a person, an object, an event, a place
- Describe the weather
- Compare

PHONETICS

The course develops the ability
• To pronounce words, say sentences, questions and give orders using the right accent and intonation.
• To express surprise, doubt, fear, displeasure and all positive or negative feelings using the right intonation
• To use ‘liaison’ and ‘enchaînement’
• To distinguish voiced and unvoiced consonants
• to distinguish between vowel sounds

**GRAMMAR**

The course develops the ability to construct sentences and frame questions using

• Nouns – gender and number
• Articles – definite and indefinite, partitif, articles contractés
• Pronouns – personal, relative(qui, que, où), y, en
• Verbs – conjugation of regular and irregular verbes (affirmative and negative) in the following tenses (indicative mood) – present, present continuous, simple future, immediate future, recent past, simple past, past continuous
• Verbs – the imperative mood
• Adjectives – numeric, qualitative, possessive, demonstrative, interrogative – gender and number
• Adverbs – simple adverbs of time, place, quantity
• Prepositions – simple prepositions (place, time)
• Interrogation – interrogative words, interrogative phrases, inversion

Textbook prescribed: Alter Ego 1

**Scheme of Examination**

**Written Paper – 100 marks**

1. Reading Comprehension – 20 marks
2. Translation - 20 marks (passage from English to French/ short sentences from French to English)
3. Grammar – 40 marks
4. Composition – 20 marks, 2 short texts (letter, dialogue or paragraph of 70/80 words)

**Oral Examination – 50 marks**

1. Reading a short passage – 10 marks
2. Conversation based on a picture – 10 marks
3. General conversation – 10 marks
4. Dictation – 10 marks
5. Listening Comprehension – 10 marks
SYLLABUS OF DIPLOMA COURSE FRENCH

COMMUNICATION

This course sharpens the communicative skills already acquired in the certificate course and further builds on them. It develops oral and written skills of understanding, expressing and exchanging information/interacting on the topics given below:

- Describe in detail people, relationships, events, places, cultures of countries
- Compare people, relationships, events, places, cultures and the changes that they have undergone
- Apply for a job
- Exchange personal and professional information
- Express opinion on people, places, events encountered in one’s personal life and on press articles, television programmes, multimedia, films, books
- Argue, justify and substantiate a point of view
- Describe hypothetical or imaginary situations
- Express plans, dreams, aspirations of the future

PHONETIC

The course re-inforces all the notions introduced in the certificate course

GRAMMAR

The course builds on concepts introduced in the certificate course and further develops the following linguistic skills:

- Pronouns – relative(don’t), possessive, indefinite, demonstrative and the use of double pronouns
- Verbs – conjugation of regular and irregular verbes (affirmative and negative) in the following tenses(indicative mood) – past perfect, future perfect
- Verbs – the subjunctive mood (past and present)
- Verbs – conditional(past and present) and gerund forms,
- Adverbs of time, place, quantity and indefinite adverbs
- Direct/indirect speech
- Comparative and superlative structures
- Active/passive structures
- Multiple clause sentences – independant clauses joined by co-ordinating conjunctions, dependant clause (subordinate clause)
- Phrases to express cause, consequence, objective
Weekly hours: 6 (2 hrs 3 times a week)  

Total Hours 160

**Scheme of Examination**

**Written Paper – 100 marks**

- Reading Comprehension – 20 marks
- Translation - 20 marks (passage from English to French/ short sentences from French to English)
- Grammar – 40 marks
- Composition – 20 marks

**Oral Paper – 50 marks**

- Reading a short passage – 10 marks
- General conversation –20 marks
- Dictation – 10 marks
- Listening Comprehension – 10 marks

**Standard of Passing**

In order to qualify of the Certificate examination a candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% of the marks in the written paper (100 marks) and in the oral examination (50 marks) taken together (= at least 75 marks in total)

Students of FYBA must obtain a minimum of 35 on 100 marks for written papers, a minimum of 18 on 50 for oral examination. The final total result will then be scaled down to 100%.
Advanced Diploma in French

Objectives

Eligibility

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Duration

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Examination

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Standard of Passing

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Syllabus and Scheme of Papers

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Qualification of Teachers