

M. A. (FRENCH) (MAFL)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MFL–001 : INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any *five* questions. All questions carry equal marks. (*600–700 words*)

1. What do you understand by a speech community ? Describe the component of distinctiveness associated with defining it. How do you distinguish the notion from that of bi-multilingualism ? 20
2. What are the various theories on the origin of language ? Describe any *four*. 20
3. What are the chief functions of human language ? Describe in detail *five* most important roles it performs. 20
4. What are the unique features of human language ? List out *four* fundamental features. How is it distinguished from animal communication ? 20

5. What are the *two* kinds of language variation ?
Distinguish between dialect and language. How
does a dialect achieve the status of language
and vice versa ? 20
6. What are the *three* main types of synchronic
variations in language ? Describe them in detail
with examples. 20
7. What do you understand by the “linguistic
sign” ? Explain in detail contributions of
theories of Ferdinand de Saussure. 20

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