

M. A. (FRENCH) (MFL)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

MFL-001 : INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any *five* questions in
600-700 words each. All questions carry
equal marks.

1. What are the various theories on the origin of language ? Describe any *four*. 20
2. What are the chief functions of human language ? Describe in detail *five* most important roles it performs. 20
3. What are the unique features of human language ? List out *four* fundamental features. How is it distinguished from animal communication ? 20

4. 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
5. What are the *three* main types of synchronic variations in language ? Describe them in detail with examples. 20
6. What do you understand by 'linguistic sign' ? Explain in detail contributions of theories of Ferdinand de Saussure. 20
7. 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 bilingualism ? 20

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