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M. A. (FRENCH)

(MAFL)

Term-End Examination

December, 2025

MFL-001 : INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. What is standardization of language ? What is the process involved and what are the consequences of this within a society ?
2. What is the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis ? Explain in the light of their theories the notions of linguistic relativity and linguistic determinism.

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3. What do you understand by communicative competence ? How were socio-cultural theories responsible for lending a new perspective to understanding language as a function of the social context ?
4. What is phonology ? Describe how phonemes are combined into words.
5. What is dialectology ? Why has it been considered a precursor to early sociolinguistic work ? Elaborate.
6. What is language ? What are the unique features of human language that distinguish it from animal communication ?
7. Elaborate upon the contributions of Noam Chomsky and Ferdinand de Saussure. In what ways did they contribute to scientific understanding of human language ?

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