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M. A. (FRENCH)

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Term-End Examination

June, 2026

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 the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis ? Explain in the light of their theories the notions of linguistic relativity and linguistic determinism. 20
2. 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 ? Elaborate. 20

3. What is standardization of language ? What is the process involved and what are the consequences of this within a society ? 20
4. What is morphology ? Describe how morphemes are combined into words. 20
5. What is dialectology ? Why has it been considered a precursor to early socio-linguistic work ? Elaborate. 20
6. What is language ? What are the unique features of human language that distinguish it from animal communication ? 20
7. Elaborate upon the contributions of Noam Chomsky and Ferdinand de Saussure. In what ways did they contribute to scientific understanding of human language ? 20

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