

DOON UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN

End Semester Examination, First Semester, 2015-16 School of Languages, Department of French Studies

MA (5 years Integrated) French Course: SLF 104, Life in France and Francophone countries-I

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: Attempt All Questions from Sections A, B and C.

SECTION: A (Short Answer Type Questions)

(Marks: 1*15=15)

- 1. Name any two mountain ranges of France.
- 2. Name two famous cheese of France.
- 3. Name the lowest point in France.
- 4. Name the most famous lake of Alsace.
- 5. Who wrote the national anthem of France?
- 6. What is Lent?
- 7. What does "Festnoz" mean?
- 8. Name the centre of pottery production in France.
- 9. When did the French women vote for the first time?
- 10. Mention any two fashion inventions of France.
- 11. Which is the regional language of Normandy?
- 12. Name any two famous writers of France.
- 13. What is Lama Festival?
- 14. Name the emblem of Corsica.
- 15. In which region is Strasbourg located?
- 16. Who is the official head of a department?
- 17. Name the city which was once known as the "home of pirates".
- 18. What are Veil laws?

SECTION: B (Answer any 5 questions in about 200 - 250 words)

(Marks: 5x5=25)

- 1. What is Bastille Day?
- 2. After the recent attacks on the city of lights, ISIS warned to destroy the Eiffel tower. Comment upon the significance of Eiffel Tower for Paris.
- 3. What is Haute Couture?
- 4. Mention three important monuments situated in Ile-de-France.

- 5. How do French celebrate "la fête de Rois"?
- 6. Marine Le Pen, president of Front National, once again claimed immigration to be the greatest problem of France. Comment.
- 7. Discuss the Feminist struggle in France.

III. Answer in 1000-1200 words.

There is not one conception of the French nation and Republic among French Republicans, but two. One theory is assimilationist and centralising. It regards the Republic as one and indivisible and the French nation a cultural whole. The other is more regionalist, envisaging a republic that is perhaps indivisible, but certainly diverse and respectful of local cultures. What is your take on it? Do we have one standard culture which gives the essence of France, or do we have diverse, mutually exclusive cultures? Do you think France is a uniform nation, or like India, it is an agglomeration of states with divergent histories? With reference to the different regions of France which we discussed in class, give concrete reasons and examples to justify your opinion. (10)