# FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE COURSE IN GERMAN

### 11. COURSE DESCRIPTION

#### **AFG 001 Introduction to German**

General introduction to the German language and its use: greetings; introducing oneself and others; questions and requests; instructions and statements; polite and familiar forms; vocabulary and word formation.

#### AFG 002 German Grammar I

Basic German grammar: conjugation: present tense, perfect tense, imperative; nouns, articles and adjective declination; cases (nominative, accusative, dative and genitive); pronouns; prepositions; modal verbs; comparative and superlative; simple German sentence structure.

## AFG 003 Speaking I

Essentials of spoken German in everyday life situations, face to face conversation; pronunciation of specific German sounds and sound clusters.

## AFG 004 Listening I

Essentials of spoken German and listening skills through everyday life situations, face to face conversation, recorded dialogues.

## AFG 005 Reading Skills I

Reading and understanding of simple structured narrative and descriptive texts in German.

## AFG 006 Writing Skills I

Writing of short and simple structured sentences; taking notes in German; transformation of simple texts (changing tenses and subject perspective); writing of informal letters; filling simple forms.

#### AFG 007 German Grammar II

Past tense forms; subjunctive; reflexive and reciprocal verbs; future tense; passive voice; pronominal adverbs; subordinate clauses; complex sentence structure.

## AFG 008 Speaking II

Practising speaking and listening skills in German through role plays, prepared short talks on given topics.

### AFG 009 Listening II

Practising various listening skills: global, selective, detailed listening comprehension; radio and television programmes.

## AFG 010 Reading Skills II

Reading and understanding of more complex fictional and non-fictional texts, current newspapers and magazines in German.

# AFG 011 Writing Skills II

Writing of more complex texts: fictional, non-fictional, creative, guided; summary and essay; writing of formal letters and curriculum vitae; filling detailed forms.

# **AFG 012** Cultural Background of German Speaking Countries

Everyday life in Germany and German speaking countries: food, habits, music, holiday and leisure time activities; education system and job market; basic geography of Germany and German speaking countries.