

# 汕头大学 2021 年攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试试题

科目代码: 804

科目名称: 英语综合

适用专业: 英语语言文学

## 考生须知

答案一律写在答题纸上, 答在  
试题纸上的不得分! 请用黑色字迹  
签字笔作答, 答题要写清题号, 不  
必抄原题。

## PART ONE LINGUISTICS (50 POINTS)

I. **Direction:** Judge whether each of the following statements is true or false. Put a T for true or F for false on the answer sheet. (20 points, each for 2 points)

1. Modern linguistics is mostly prescriptive, but sometimes descriptive.
2. According to Chomsky, a speaker can produce and understand an unlimited number of sentences because he possesses an internalized set of rules about his language.
3. A grammatically well-formed sentence is always semantically well-formed and meaningful.
4. The illocutionary acts that belong to the same category share the same purpose or the same illocutionary point.
5. The standard variety of language is always taken as the only correct form of language.
6. Human linguistic ability largely depends on the structure of their vocal cords.
7. According to Behaviorist learning theory, children are believed to gradually assume correct forms of the language of their community because their "bad" speech always gets corrected and reinforced.
8. A scientific study of language is based on what the linguist intuitively thinks because linguists can make numerous correct sentences.
9. Morphology studies how words can be formed to produce meaningful sentences or clauses.
10. Human beings are the only organisms in which one particular part of the left half of the brain is larger than the corresponding part of the right half so as to possess linguistic competence.

II. **Direction:** Choose FIVE of the following terms and explain them according to what you have learnt from the linguistic course. (20 points, each for 4 points)

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| 1. linguistic competence          | 2. Corpus linguistics |
| 3. the Critical period hypothesis | 4. Psycholinguistics  |

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5. Sociolinguistics

6. Applied linguistics

7. linguistic lateralization

8. interlanguage

9. Illocutionary act

10. displacement

**III. Direction:** Answer the following question, illustrating your views and ideas with your linguistics knowledge. (10 points)

**Why should language teachers acquire some knowledge of linguistics?**

## **PART TWO: BRITISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE (50 POINTS)**

**I. Please explain the following literary terms (15 points, 3 points for each):**

1. ballad
2. setting
3. monologue
4. deconstruction
5. Victorian Age

**II. Please write a 200-word critical essay on one of your favorite British or American poets or writers. Your discussion might cover the themes and writing techniques of his or her works, plus your understanding of the work in relation to its historical context. (20 points)**

**III. Please write a short essay on the following poem, explaining your understanding of it. (15 points)**

**If Hands Could Free You**

**by Philip Larkin**

If hands could free you, heart,  
Where would you fly?  
Far, beyond every part  
Of earth this running sky  
Makes desolate? Would you cross  
City and hill and sea,  
If hands could set you free?

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I would not lift the latch;  
For I could run  
Through fields, pit-valleys, catch  
All beauty under the sun ---  
Still end in loss:  
I should find no bent arm, no bed  
To rest my head.

## PART THREE: CULTURE (50 POINTS)

I. **DIRECTION:** Choose the one which best completes the following statement from A. B. C, or D. (12 points; 2 points for each)

1. Which of the following is NOT involved in making UK's foreign policy?
  - A. The Queen
  - B. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
  - C. The Prime Minister and the Cabinet
  - D. The Ministry of Defence
2. Which of the following is NOT true about London?
  - A. a cultural center
  - B. a financial center
  - C. a center of sports
  - D. an international hub of immigrants
3. Which of the following country does NOT have indigenous people?
  - A. USA
  - B. UK
  - C. Canada
  - D. Australia
4. During World War II, Canada fought as an ally of \_\_\_\_\_ with nearly one million people serving in the armed forces.
  - A. Germany
  - B. Swiss
  - C. Italy
  - D. Britain
5. The conference that decided to set up the United Nations was held in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Teheran
  - B. Cairo

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- C. Yalta
- D. Washington

6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the only organization which has the power to interpret the U.S. Constitution.

- A. The Supreme Court
- B. The Department of State
- C. The House of Representatives
- D. The Senate

18 II. **DIRECTION:** Choose **THREE** of the four the following terms and explain them in your own words (**15 points; 5 points for each**)

- 1. Electoral College
- 2. The First World War
- 3. The National Health Service in the UK
- 4. The Westminster Abbey

70 III. Choose **ONE** of the following two questions and give your answer to it. (7 points)

- 1. Americans, overall, enjoy sports. What do you know about American life in respect of sports?
- 2. What do you know about the open university in the UK?

f IV. **Write a passage:** Choose **ONE** of the following two to write a passage of no less than **200 words** according to the requirement given below. You should refer to what you have learned from the course "*A Survey of English-Speaking Countries*" as much as you can. (16 points)

- 1. Write a short passage to analyze and/or comment on the "*Black Life Matters*" movement, which was ignited by the violent policing that killed George Floyd, in 2020 US from historical, social, political, legal and/or any other perspectives. You are required to **adopt at least two perspectives** to make your analysis and comments.
- 2. If a friend and her family want to immigrant to an English-speaking country, which one do you suggest them to go for? Please write a passage to state your choice and the reasons you suggest that country from at least **TWO of the following points of view:** geographical, social, political, economic, educational or any other.