

汕头大学 2022 年攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试题

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, 2 points for each)

1. Modern linguistics regards spoken language as primary, written language as secondary.
2. Descriptive linguistics aims to lay down rules for 'correct' language use, i.e., to tell people what they should say and what they should not say.
3. Phonology is the branch of linguistics which studies the characteristics of speech sound and their patterns.
4. Syntax studies the rules which govern the ways words, word groups and phrases are combined to make grammatical sentences in a language, i.e., it deals with relationships between elements in sentence structures.
5. Even in modern times, the primary medium is sound for all human languages, and the fact that children acquire spoken language first before they can read or write also indicates that language is primarily vocal.
6. The defining properties of human language that distinguish it from any animal system of communication are termed as design features.
7. Both semantics and pragmatics study meanings. But semantics is different from pragmatics in that the latter studies meaning not in isolation, but in context.

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8. A lingua franca is a variety of language that serves as a medium of communication among groups of people with different linguistic backgrounds.
9. In the past, traditional grammarians tended to over-emphasize the importance of spoken language.
10. Saussure's distinction took a sociological view of language and his notion of langue is a matter of social conventions.

II. Direction: Explain the following linguistic terms. (20 points, 4 points for each)

- 1) conversational implicature
- 2) free morpheme
- 3) syntagmatic relation
- 4) language acquisition
- 5) interpersonal metafunction

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

How do you understand the difference between linguistic competence and communicative competence?

PART TWO LITERATURE (50 POINTS)

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

1. biography
2. imagery

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3. paradox
4. satire
5. Marxist Criticism

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

III. Please write a short essay, explaining your interpretation of the following poem. (15 points)

If Thou Must Love Me

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

If thou must love me, let it be for nought
Except for love's sake only. Do not say,
"I love her for her smile --- her look --- her way
Of speaking gently, --- for a trick of thought
That falls in well with mine, and certes brought
A sense of pleasant ease on such a day," ---
For these things in themselves, Beloved, may
Be changed, or change for thee, --- and love so wrought
May be unwrought so. Neither love me for
Thine own dear pity's wiping my cheeks dry:
A creature might forget to weep, who bore
Thy comfort long, and lose thy love thereby.
But love me for love's sake, that evermore
Thou mayst love on through love's eternity.

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PART THREE CULTURE (50 POINTS)

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

1. The regional capital of Northern Ireland is _____.
A. Glasgow B. Belfast C. London D. Dublin
2. The British Prime Minister who had led the British to defeat Nazi Germany was _____.
A. Churchill B. Chamberlain C. Macmillan D. James II
3. The Parliament in the UK has the following functions EXCEPT _____.
A. making law B. authorizing taxation C. declaring war
D. examining the actions of the government
4. In the US, the largest city along the Pacific coast is _____.
A. Los Angeles B. San Francisco C. Seattle D. New York
5. The American social security system includes the following programs EXCEPT _____.
A. OASDHI B. Medicare C. Medicaid D. Unemployment Compensation
6. In Canada, general election must be held at least once every _____.
A. 2 years B. 3 years C. 4 years D. 5 years

II. **DIRECTION:** Choose **FOUR** from the following five questions and give your answers to them. (24 points, 6 points for each)

1. What basic assumptions does the British rule of law have? please give three of them.

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2. Why is the National Health Service in the UK viewed as controversial?
3. How often is the general election and how often is the midterm election held in the US?
4. How is the Canadian Prime Minister elected?
5. Would you please name some Australian holidays and festivals?

III. Write a passage of no less than 200 words with the following direction. (14 points)

DIRECTION: Please choose an English-speaking country from among UK, US, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand that you like most in terms of leisure and sports, and explain why you choose that country. You should **give your reasons in COMPARISON with another English-speaking country.** You are also expected to refer to what you have learned from such courses as *A Survey of Major English-speaking Countries* to write your passage.