

# 中山大学

## 二00六年攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试试题

科目代码: 451

科目名称: 语言学概论

考试时间: 1月15日下午

### 考生须知

全部答案一律写在答题纸上,  
答在试题纸上的不得分!请用蓝、  
黑色墨水笔或圆珠笔作答。答题  
要写清题号, 不必抄原题。

### I. Transcribe the following words into IPA symbols, with stress marking where necessary. (10%)

Example: life --- /laɪf/      respect /rɪˈspekt/

1. overwhelming
2. burial
3. facial
4. coward
5. rhetorical
6. widget
7. euthanasia
8. alibi
9. weird
10. ordeal

### II. Fill in the following blanks. (15%)

1. The term \_\_\_\_\_ originates from Malinowski's study of the functions of language performed by Trobriand Islanders. It refers to the social interaction of language.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are produced by constricting or obstructing the vocal tract at some place to divert, impede, or completely shut off the flow of air in the oral cavity.
3. In traditional grammar, \_\_\_\_\_ is the only word class which can function as a substitute for another item.
4. Back-formation refers to an abnormal type of word-formation where a shorter word is derived by deleting an \_\_\_\_\_ affix from a longer form already in the language.
5. The structural approach to the analysis of language was started by the Swiss linguist \_\_\_\_\_ in the beginning of the twentieth century.
6. Psycholinguistics is concerned primarily with investigating the psychological \_\_\_\_\_ of linguistic structures.

7. We witnessed a change in language teaching in the middle of the 1970s when Hyme's theory of \_\_\_\_\_ was introduced into the field as an antagonism to the traditional philosophy in language teaching.
8. Stress refers to the degree of \_\_\_\_\_ used in producing a syllable.
9. Computational linguistics can be seen as a branch of applied linguistics, dealing with computer \_\_\_\_\_ of human language.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is formed when the leaner attempts to learn a new language, and it has features of both the first language and the second language but is neither.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ function is realized by mood and modality.
12. The principal representative of American descriptive linguistics is L. Bloomfield, whose book \_\_\_\_\_ (1933) was once held as the model of scientific methodology.
13. The publication of Syntactic Structures (1957) marked the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is an approach that stresses the relationships of elements in a sentence. It is a type of generative grammar developed by C.J. Fillmore.
15. Garden path sentences are sentences initially interpreted with a \_\_\_\_\_ structure than they actually have.

### III. Define the following terms. (50%)

1. diachronic description
2. broad and narrow transcription
3. scale of delicacy
4. meaning shift
5. paradigmatic relation
6. lexical ambiguity
7. schemata in text
8. communicative competence
9. relational processes
10. speech and thought presentation

### IV. Explain the following statements with examples. (30%)

1. Halliday defines a functional grammar as "essentially a 'natural' grammar", and believes that language is what it is because it has evolved to serve certain functions.
2. Explain the interrelationship between phonology and morphology.
3. What are the major factors in syllabus design?

**V. Answer the following questions with examples where necessary. (45%)**

1. What is the relationship between language and literature?
2. What is linguistic relativity and why is it so important in linguistic studies?
3. Read the following sentence and illustrate the ideas behind this statement: "Register is the term used in linguistics to describe the relationship between a particular style of language and its context of use."