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课程与教学论 英语语言文学

笔试科目:英语写作

报考学科、专业: 外国语言学及应用语言学

I. Write a summary out of the following passage in no more than 100 words.

(40 marks) (30 minutes can be spent on this task.)

While ESP-type analyses have developed in various directions since those early days, they can generally be characterized by saying that they have concomitantly become narrower and deeper. Even if there remains some shorthand convenience attached to retaining registral labels such as scientific, medical, legal or even newspaper English, in reality such terms can now be seen to be systematically misleading. They overprivilege a homogeneity of content at the expense of variation in communicative purpose, addresser-addressee relationships and genre conventions. In fact, mainly due to the influence of the register concept, recognition of differences between, say, medical journal editorials and articles (Adams Smith, 1984) or between legislative prose, legal textbooks and legal case reports (Bhatia, 1983) has developed rather slowly in the English for Specific Purposes field, especially in comparison with such areas as Rhetoric and Technical Communication. Even so, ESP researchers have also been able to show how differentiating influences such as changing communicative purpose can operate within a single spoken or written discourse of a particular type. To take an obvious case, there are discernible differences between sections of research articles (Heslot, 1982; Hopkins and Dudley-Evans, 1988) or, less obviously, between paragraphs in newspaper editorials (de Boliver, 1985).

This narrowing of textual scope has been compensated for by an interest in providing a deeper or multi-layered textual account. As a result, there is growing interest in assessing rhetorical purposes, in unpacking information structures and in accounting for syntactic and lexical choices. Moreover, the resulting findings are no longer viewed simply in terms of stylistic appropriacy but, increasingly, in terms of the contributions they may or may not make to communicative effectiveness. An important early example of a narrow and deep study is the account by Tarone et al. (1981) of the rhetorical choices that may affect the choice

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of *we + active verb* as opposed to its passive alternate in two astrophysics papers.
(314 words)

II. Write an essay in no less than 250 words on the importance of the context of situation in understanding an English text. (50 marks)

(You may spend 60 minutes on this task.)

III. Cloning of man is becoming possible with the success of the cloning of shepherd and other animals. Some people think it is immoral to clone man while others think it is beneficial to human beings. Write at least 350 words to express and prove your point of view on this issue. (60 marks)

(You may spend 90 minutes on this task.)