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系別:英國語文學系三年級 科目:英語語言學概論

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## GENERAL LINGUISTICS

Transfer Student Exam

- Multiple Choice (Choose one or more than one answer) 50%
- 1. Consider the following sentences and choose those which are ungrammatical.
  - a. Robin forced the Sheriff go.
  - b. He came by a large sum of money.
  - c. Elizabeth is resembled by Charles.
  - d. It is eager to love a kitten.
  - e. A glass tipped over which is full of water.
- Which of the following do you think are not universals of language?
  - a. Writing systems
  - b. Prefixes
  - c. Arbitrarily related' forms and meanings
  - d. Words for "sidewalk", "desert", "mountain"
  - e. Methods to enlarge the vocabulary
- 3. Each of the following consists of members of a class of sounds all sharing one or more common properties. Identify those which contain one sound that is not a member of that class.
  - a. [p], [t], [k], [f]
  - b. [f], [v], [m], [s]
  - c. [u], [i], [e], [a]
  - d. [t], [z], [s], [k]
  - e. [w], [l], [r], [i]
- 4. Match the sounds under column A with one or more features from column B.

1. [t]

a.[ +voiced ]

2. [z]

b.[ -anterior ]

3. [v]

c.[ +coronal ]

4. [b]

- d.[ +continuant ]
- 5 Which of the following words are formed by compounding?
  - a. Football
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Firefighter
  - d. Potluck
  - e. Attendance
- 6. Which of the following words are formed by derivation?
  - a. Unable
  - b. Ex-president
  - c. Steamboat
  - d. Greenhouse
  - e. Hurtful
- 7. The formation of many sentences involves the use of transformations. Which of the following sentences involve Particle Movement?
  - a. The wind knocked a vase over.
  - b. Harry threw the rake away in the yard.
  - c. Will the new owner hire Rob?
  - d. Can the robot take the garbage out?
  - e. A clever magician fooled the audience.

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- 8. Which of the following words belong to the Cognate object type of semantic field?
  - a. Come-go
  - b. Wrap-package
  - c. Run-race
  - d. Live-life
  - e. Bequeath-bequest
- 9. Which of the following languages belong to the Sino-Tibetan family?
  - a. Mandarin
  - b. Northern Min
  - c. Hakka
  - d. Wu
  - e. Burmese
- 10. Which of the following statements are correct?
  - a. Language is thought and activity.
  - b. Language is both arbitrary and non-arbitrary.
  - c. Language is heard as well as spoken
  - d. Language is creative.
  - e. Language is a system of communication and a medium for thought.
- II. Essay Questions
- 1. State the appropriate phrase structure rules and draw tree structures for the following two sentences.
  - a. What will Mary hit the cat with? 15%
  - b. The money was taken by him. 15%
- 2. Each of the following words contains at least two morphemes. Draw the appropriate tree structure for each of these words. 10%
  - a) impersonal
- b) unhappiness
- c) dehumidifier
- d) infertility
- e) reformer
- 3. All of the following English words at one time had meanings that are quite different from their current ones. 10%

Word

Earlier meaning

- a) sly
- 'skillful'
- b) uncouth
- 'unknown'
- c) aunt
- 'father's sister'
- d) accident
- 'an event'
- e) witch
- 'male or female sorcerer'

Please identify each of these semantic changes.

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