

華梵大學 100 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

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**NOTE: Please give your answers in English.**

1. Explain the following terms and provide examples where appropriate. (15%)
  - (1) homographs
  - (2) tone sandhi
  - (3) homorganic sounds
  - (4) euphemism
  - (5) natural class
  
2. For each of the following technical descriptions, supply an appropriate phonetic symbol. (10%)

**Example:** voiced bilabial nasal [m]

  - (1) voiceless interdental fricative [ ]
  - (2) voiced palatal affricate [ ]
  - (3) lower mid back vowel [ ]
  - (4) velar nasal stop [ ]
  - (5) high front rounded vowel [ ]
  
3. What are the following linguistic phenomena examples of? Give a specific term for each to designate the phenomenon. The term given should be as specific as possible. (15%)
  - (1) John came into the room and said, "it's hot in here." On hearing this, Tom went over to the window and opened it.
  - (2) The English word "hot dog" is translated into Chinese as "熱狗".
  - (3) The English word "ask" is pronounced as [æks] in some dialects.
  - (4) "臭" meant "smell (氣味)" in archaic Chinese (上古漢語), but now it means "bad smell".
  - (5) "他這個人相當 stubborn, 怎麼勸都勸不聽。"
  
4. Besides word meanings and syntactic structures, what other factors are

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involved in the interpretation of sentences? Briefly discuss at least two of these other factors. (10%)

5. Explicate some of the important social factors and psychological factors that underlie historical linguistic changes. (10%)
6. English auxiliary verbs are said to be a closed class. (10%)
  - (1) Can you give a complete list of them?
  - (2) On what syntactic-morphologic criteria do we distinguish Aux from true verbs?
7. Disambiguate the following two sentences by providing a set of unambiguous paraphrases for each interpretation. (10%)
  - (1) The mother of the boy and the girl will arrive soon.
  - (2) He's good at catching flies.
8. The English articles **a (an)** and **the** are probably the most difficult for Chinese speakers. Explain in terms of what is meant by definite and indefinite. (10%)
9. The following quote is from Chomsky (1965: 3)

Linguistic theory is concerned primarily with an ideal speaker-listener, in a completely homogeneous speech-community, who knows its language perfectly and is unaffected by such grammatically irrelevant conditions as memory limitations, distractions, shifts of attention and interest, and errors (random or characteristic) in applying his knowledge of the language in actual performance.

Comment on his concepts of "ideal speaker-listener" and "homogeneous speech-community", and his distinction between "knowledge" and "performance". (10%)

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