

电子科技大学

2010 年硕士学位研究生入学试题

考试科目: 846 英语语言学基础及运用

注: 所有答案必须写在答题纸上, 做在试卷或草稿纸上无效

I. Define the following terms with examples if necessary (30 points, 5 points each):

1. parole
2. allomorph
3. hyponymy
4. Rheme
5. linguistic relativity
6. illocutionary act

II. Make a judgment and an evaluation of the following with your own reasons (15 points, 3 points each):

1. Onomatopoeia indicates a non-arbitrary relationship between form and meaning.
2. Some linguists emphasize the importance of context by saying, "The word exists only through the context and is nothing in itself."
3. Since MORPHEME is defined as the smallest unit in terms of relationship between expression and content, it is at the same time a grammatical concept or a semantic one.
4. Just like human language, animal communication systems and the traffic light system both have the feature of *duality*.
5. Language is *socially shaped* and *socially shaping*—or *socially constitutive*.

III. Briefly answer the following questions (45 points; 8 points each for Nos.1-4; 13 points for No. 5):

1. Please analyze the different allophonic phenomena of the phoneme [p].
2. Briefly explain the six processes in transitivity system recognized by Halliday in his Systemic-Functional Grammar.
3. Please briefly discuss the sense relations between words in terms of the theory of Componential Analysis.
4. What are the main features of Chomsky's TG grammar?
5. Would you please comment on the statement "One culture's meat is another culture's poison"?

IV. Discuss the following questions in detail (30 points):

1. How does the violation of the Gricean CP maxims give rise to conversational implicatures? Please explain with the following two examples. (10 points)
 - 1) *Boys are boys. War is war.*
 - 2) A dialogue between Mother and Aunt with the kids around:
Aunt: Let's get the kids something.
Mother: Okey, but I veto I-C-E C-R-E-A-M-S.
2. Please explain the differences between the following pairs of antonyms: (10 points)
 - 1) beautiful—ugly; 2) male—female; 3) husband—wife

3. Please analyze the following paragraph taken from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens: (10 points)
“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...”

V. Basic knowledge on British and American literature (30 points)

- 1) William Shakespeare's four great tragedies are _____, _____, _____ and Macbeth. (3 points)
- 2) In 1798, the publication of *Lyrical Ballads* cooperated by Samuel Coleridge and _____ marked the coming of British Romanticism. (1 point)
- 3) *Sons and Lovers* is a semi-autobiographic novel written by _____. (1 point)
- 4) Hard work, thrift, piety and sobriety were the _____ values that dominated much of the early American writing. (1 point)
- 5) A superb book _____ came out of Henry David Thoreau's two-year experiment at Walden Pond. (1 point)
- 6) Hester Prynne is the heroine in Hawthorne's novel _____. (1 point)
- 7) _____ was the first literary giant born west of the Mississippi. (1 point)
- 8) _____ became the spokesman for what Gertrude Stein had called “the lost generation”. (1 point)

9) Read the following passage and give a brief comment on it. (10 points)

To go into solitude, a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society. I am not solitary whilst I read and write, though nobody is with me. But if a man would be alone, let him look at the stars. The rays that come from those heavenly worlds will separate between him and vulgar things. One might think the atmosphere was made transparent with this design, to give man, in the heavenly bodies, the perpetual presence of the sublime. Seen in the streets of cities, how great they are! If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these preachers of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile.”

- 10) Read the following poem. Please translate the poem into Chinese first and then write a comment in English. (10 points)

A Sick Rose

—by William Blake

O Rose, thou art sick!
The invisible worm
That flies in the night,
In the howling storm,
Has found out thy bed
Of crimson joy,
And his dark secret love
Does thy life destroy.