

# 深圳大学 2008 年硕士生入学考试初试试题

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专业: 外国语言学及应用语言学 / 英语语言文学

考试科目: 英美文学及语言学

## Linguistics

### I Multiple Choice (5 points)

- When the word root means "part of plant that keeps it firmly in the soil and absorbs water and food from the soil", the meaning belongs to its \_\_\_\_\_ meaning.  
A. connotative B. affective C. denotative D. affective
- The words "take" and "table" are called \_\_\_\_\_ because they are unattached.  
A. form words B. free morphemes C. bound morphemes D. inflectional morphemes
- Interlanguage is lacking in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. fossilization B. negative transfer C. overgeneralization D. native-like proficiency
- The relation between "big" and "small" is that between \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. gradable antonyms B. relational opposites C. complementary antonyms D. hyponyms
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a branch of linguistics which is the study of meaning in a context.  
A. Morphology B. Syntax C. Pragmatics D. Semantics

### II True or False (5 points)

- Some Chinese learners of English tend to make up a sentence like "There were seventeen people went there." This is an example of intralingual errors.
- A sentence is a grammatical unit and an utterance is a pragmatic notion.
- Male speakers tend to use tag questions more often than females.
- The words "old" and "young" are a pair of complimentary antonyms.
- When "gate" is used in "Iran-gate" or "Monica-gate", it is a free morpheme.

### III Define and exemplify each of the following. (35 points)

- hyponymy
- language change caused by narrowing of meaning
- inflectional affix.
- modifiers in syntax
- conversational implicature
- Halliday's social variables of register
- overgeneralization



**IV Answer the following 2 questions (30 points)**

1. Give definitions to the three types of homonymy and examples (including at least one Chinese example) to each of them (9 points) and tell and exemplify their pragmatic or more exactly speaking, rhetorical functions. (11 points).
2. Define and exemplify the terms of prefixes and suffixes (4 points). The notions can be used to discuss word formation of Chinese. Give examples of Chinese prefixes and suffixes to prove your idea. (6 points)

**Literature**

**V Find the items in the right column which fit the left column the best and write your letters on the Answer Sheet. (15 points in all, 1.5 for each )**

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| 1. Chaucer   | A. The Scarlet Letter          |
| 2. Cooper    | B. To a Mouse                  |
| 3. Donne     | C. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow |
| 4. Bunyan    | D. The Raven                   |
| 5. Hawthorne | E. The Last of the Mohicans    |
| 6. Irving    | F. The Pilgrim's Progress      |
| 7. Poe       | G. The Canterbury Tales        |
| 8. Burns     | H. Moby Dick                   |
| 9. Milton    | I. Death Be Not Proud          |
| 10. Melville | J. Paradise Lost               |

**VI Multiple Choice (20 points in all, 2 for each)**

Select from the four choices A, B, C, D of each item the one that best answers the question or completes the statement and write the letter on the answer sheet.

1. Romance, which uses narrative verse or prose to tell stories of \_\_\_ adventures or other heroic deeds, is a popular literary form in the medieval period.  
A. Christian      B. knightly      C. Greek      D. primitive
2. Which of the following statements about Washington Irving is NOT true?  
A. Literary imagination should breed in a land rich in the past culture.  
B. He is preoccupied with the Calvinistic view of original sin and the mystery of evil.  
C. His stories are among the best of the American literature.  
D. Some of his works are based on the materials of the European legendary tales.
3. "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind!" is an epigrammatic line by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Keats      B. Blake      C. Wordsworth      D. Shelley

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4. Henry David Thoreau's work, \_\_\_, has always been regarded as a masterpiece of New England Transcendentalism.

- A. Walden      B. The pioneers      C. Nature      D. Song of Myself

5. Of all the 18<sup>th</sup> century novelists Henry Fielding was the first to set out, both in theory and practice, to write specifically a "\_\_\_ in prose," the first to give the modern novel its structure and style.

- A. tragic epic      B. comic epic      C. romance      D. lyric epic

6. Walt Whitman was a pioneering figure of American poetry. His innovation first of all lies in his use of \_\_\_, poetry without a fixed beat or regular rhyme scheme.

- A. blank verse      B. heroic couplet      C. free verse      D. iambic pentameter

7. Which of the following historical events does not directly help to stimulate the rising of the Renaissance Movement?

- A. The rediscovery of ancient Greek and Roman culture.  
B. The new discoveries in geography and astrology.  
C. The Glorious revolution.  
D. The religious reformation and the economic expansion.

8. Beside symbolism, all the following qualities EXCEPT \_\_\_ are fused to make Melville's Moby-Dick a world classic.

- A. narrative power      B. psychological analysis      C. speculative agility      D. optimistic view of life

9. Which of the following statements best illustrates the theme of Shakespeare's Sonnet 18?

- A. The speaker eulogizes the power of Nature.  
B. The speaker satirizes human vanity.  
C. The speaker praises the power of artistic creation.  
D. The speaker meditates on man's salvation.

10. Hester and Pearl are most likely the names of the characters in \_\_\_.

- A. The Scarlet Letter      B. The House of the Seven Gables  
C. The Portrait of a Lady      D. The pioneers

#### VII Poetry Criticism (20 points)

Read the quoted poem carefully and answer the following questions in English. Write no less than 150 words in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,



I think I know enough for hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

#### Discussion questions

1. What is the complex idea which is expressed in a few words in this poem?
2. What do "fire" and "ice" respectively symbolize?
3. What are your own thoughts on the end of the world?

#### VIII Topic Discussion (20 points)

Write no less than 150 words on the following topic in English in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

"Trust thyself! Every heart vibrates to that iron string" is one of Emerson's most quoted lines in "Self-reliance". For Emerson conformity was not a desirable characteristic for one to have. Do you think there are times when conformity is desirable or even necessary? Explain your answer.

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