

温州大學

2010 年硕士研究生招生入学考试试题

科目代码及名称: 815 专业综合 A

适用专业: 英语语言文学

(请考生在答题纸上答题, 在此试题纸上答题无效)

Part One English Linguistics

I. Define the following terms, using examples when necessary. (10%)

1. Cooperative principle
2. phonology
3. denotation
4. componential analysis
5. diachronic linguistics

II. Analyze the following according to the requirements. (10%)

1. Describe the following speech sounds. (5%)

- (1) [u:]
- (2) [ɔ]
- (3) [ɒ]
- (4) [ɑ]
- (5) [z]

2. Draw the tree diagrams in IC analysis of the following constructions. (5%)

- (1) my small child's cog
- (2) He is dancing with the fat mayor's wife.

III. Give brief answers to the following questions. (10%)

1. Why is *context* said to be crucial to Pragmatics?
2. What are theme and rheme according to M.A.K. Halliday? Cite examples for illustration.

VI. Write a short article in about 300 words on ONE of the following two topics. (20%)

1. Recursiveness
2. What is your understanding of meaning?

Part Two English Literature

I. Completions (10%)

Directions: identify the following works or quotations with their authors.

1. *The Canterbury Tales*
2. *The Merchant of Venice*
3. *The Pilgrim's Progress*
4. *Gulliver's Travels*
5. "The Trumpet of a prophecy! O, wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"
6. *A Christmas Carol*
7. *Wuthering Heights*
8. *Light in August*
9. *A Farewell to Arms*
10. "The apparition of these faces in the crowd,
Petals on a wet, black bough."

II. Define TWO of the following literary terms. (10%)

1. Epic
2. Tragedy
3. Heroic Couplet
4. Shakespearian sonnet
5. Metaphysical poets
6. Renaissance in England
7. Transcendentalism
8. Lost Generation

III. Answer only TWO of the following questions. (10%)

1. While in a very depressed state of mind, Tess, the heroine in Hardy's novel *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, said something like this: "Once a thief, always a thief." What does Tess mean by uttering this proverb?

2. *The Scarlet Letter* is notable for its allegory and symbolism, and it has been considered the first American symbolic novel. Try to discuss the function of allegory and symbolism by taking examples from the novel.

3. The literary school of naturalism was quite popular in the late 19th century. What are the major characteristics of naturalism?

4. Make an assessment of the significance of the Enlightenment in America.

5. Choose one of the following authors and make a comment on any one of his/her literary works: Charlotte Bronte, John Keats, William Blake, Walt Whitman, Mark Twain, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

IV. The following selections are taken from some famous literary works. You are required to read these selections and write down your answers according to the requirements. (20%)

A. Make a comment on ONE of the following selected texts. (10%)

1. Her narrative ended; even its re-assertions and secondary explanations were done. Tess's voice throughout had hardly risen higher than its opening tone; there had been no exculpatory phrase of any kind, and she had not wept.

'Am I to believe this? From your manner I am to take it as true. O you cannot be out of your mind! You ought to be! Yet you are not... . My wife, my Tess - nothing in you warrants such a supposition as that?'

'I am not out of my mind,' she said.

'And yet--' He looked vacantly at her, to resume with dazed senses: 'Why didn't you tell me before? Ah, yes, you would have told me, in a way - but I hindered you, I remember!'

`In the name of our love, forgive me!' she whispered with a dry mouth. `I have forgiven you for the same!'

And, as he did not answer, she said again--

`Forgive me as you are forgiven! I forgive you, Angel.'

`You - yes, you do.'

`But you do not forgive me?'

`O Tess, forgiveness does not apply to the case! You were one person; now you are another. My God - how can forgiveness meet such a grotesque - prestidigitation as that!'

2. When Caroline Meeber boarded the afternoon train for Chicago, her total outfit consisted of a small trunk, a cheap imitation alligator-skin satchel, a small lunch in a paper box, and yellow leather snap purse, containing her ticket, a scrap of paper with her sister's address in Van Buren Street, and four dollars in money. It was in August, 1889. She was eighteen years of age, bright, timid, and full of the illusions of ignorance and youth. Whatever touch of regret at parting characterised her thoughts, it was certainly not for advantages now being given up. A gush of tears at her mother's farewell kiss, a touch in her throat when the cars clacked by the flour mill where her father worked by the day, a pathetic sigh as the familiar green environs of the village passed in review, and the threads which bound her so lightly to girlhood and home were irretrievably broken.

B. Analyze the theme of ONE of the following poems. Use at least three elements provided below to develop and reinforce your analysis: diction, tone, image, figure of speech, symbols, irony, syntax, rhythm and meter, rhyme. (10%)

1

I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd,

A host, of golden daffodils;

Beside the lake, beneath the trees,

Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine

And twinkle on the milky way,

They stretched in never-ending line

Along the margin of a bay:

Ten thousand saw I at a glance,

Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they

Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

A poet could not but be gay,

In such a jocund company:

I gazed---and gazed---but little thought

What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie

In vacant or in pensive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils.

2

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Part Three American and British Cultures

I. Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (10%)

1. The world's oldest national newspaper is _____.
 - A. The Times
 - B. The Observer
 - C. The Guardian
 - D. The Financial Times
2. All of the following factors have contributed to a certain degree of Britain's special relationship with the the United States except that _____.
 - A. Britain and the United States share the general ideas in many respects
 - B. they have common interests in every respect
 - C. they agree generally on how the world economy should be managed
 - D. they have special links in culture
3. Which of the following about class system in the UK is NOT true?.
 - A. People of different classes tend to read different kinds of newspaper.
 - B. Class-division is only decided by people's income.
 - C. Though social advancement is possible, class affects a person's life-chances.
 - D. The way people speak identifies themselves with a particular class.
4. _____ is a privately funded university in Britain.
 - A. The University of Cambridge
 - B. The University of Oxford
 - C. The University of Edinburgh
 - D. The University of Buckingham
5. Northern Ireland is the smallest of the four nations in Great Britain, but it is quite well-known in the world for _____.
 - A. its most famous landmark, the "Giant's Causeway".
 - B. its rich cultural life
 - C. its low living standards
 - D. its endless political problems

6. New England today includes all of the following except _____ in the Northeast of the United States.

- A. Connecticut
- B. New Hampshire
- C. Vermont
- D. Pennsylvania

7. _____ was mainly responsible for drafting the *Declaration of Independence*.

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- B. George Washington
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Thomas Jefferson

8. Which of the following states refused to participate in the Constitutional Convention?

- A. Virginia
- B. Rhode Island
- C. New York
- D. Maryland

9. The American system of mass production was first used in _____.

- A. car industry
- B. textile industry
- C. firearms industry
- D. agriculture

10. A historic moment of the Civil Rights Movement was the March on Washington of August 28, 1963 when _____ delivered his famous speech entitled "I Have a Dream".

- A. John F. Kennedy
- B. President Johnson
- C. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- D. Malcolm X

II. Define the following terms. (10%)

- 1. Federal system
- 2. Affirmative Action Program
- 3. WASP
- 4. grammar schools (in Britain)
- 5. the Labour Party (in Britain)

III. Answer the following questions briefly. (10%)

1. What are the major beliefs of puritanism?
2. What are the basic freedom and rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights of the United States?

IV. Make a comment on the following topic in about 250 ~ 300 words. (20%)

How does the US constitution divide power among the three branches of government? How do they check and balance each other?