

English Linguistics paper

For Postgraduate Applicants, 2001

Shanghai University

Part one: Write one representative work of the following authors (5 marks)

- 1) Ferdinand de Saussure
- 2) Norm Chomsky
- 3) M. A. K. Halliday
- 4) D. Bollinger
- 5) 马建忠

Part two: Give the word which matches one of the following words to form a pair of linguistics terms (10 marks)

- 1) parole
- 2) language potential
- 3) form
- 4) descriptive
- 5) paradigmatic relation
- 6) signifier
- 7) competence
- 8) diachronic
- 9) idiolect
- 10) arbitrary

Part three: What do the following abbreviation stand for? (10 marks)

OE VP RP TG IC DET NEG ELT LAD CA

Part four: Write brief explanatory notes on the following terms (30 marks)

1. Diphthong
2. pitch
3. lateral
4. subject
5. logographic
6. compounding

7. suprasegmental phonology
8. entailment
9. code switching
10. presupposition

Part two: Fill in the blanks with terms that fit the description (10 marks)

1. Componential analysis defines the meaning of a lexical element in terms of _____
2. The Sapir-Whorf hypothesis has two major thrusts: _____ and _____
3. According to Austin, in saying something, one is doing something, and three different kinds of acts are performed simultaneously. There are _____, _____, and _____
4. _____ is rather complex form of compounding, in which two roots are put together by joining the initial part of the first root and the final part of the second root, or by joining the initial parts of the two roots
5. Endocentric constructions fall into two main types, depending in the "relation between constituents: _____ construction and _____ construction.

Part five: Chose three topics from the following and write a composition on each of them (35 marks)

1. Ferdinand de saussure's great contribution to modern linguistics
2. The main ideas of Bloomfieldian structuralism
3. The applicability of communicative approach in foreign language teaching.
4. The interdependence of language and culture.