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报考专业: 英语语言文学
 语言学与应用语言学

考试科目: 语言学理论

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'96 Graduate Entrance Examination

Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

I. Define the following terms (30%):

phoneme, allomorph, polysemy, concord,
collocation, etymology, pragmatics, inversion,
inflection, register

II. Choose the right answer (20%):

1. The relationship between the sound and the meaning is

- (A) natural (B) strange
(C) arbitrary (D) interesting

2. Synchronic linguistics and diachronic linguistics were first distinguished by

- (A) Saussure (B) Chomsky
(C) Halliday (D) Levinson

3. Greetings such as "How are you?" and "Good morning!" are ... in function.

- (A) phatic (B) informative
(C) expressive (D) vocative

4. The relationship between "table" and "furniture" is
 (A) synonymy (B) hyponymy
 (C) antonymy (D) meronymy
5. The study of sentence structures is called ... in linguistics.
 (A) grammar (B) morphology
 (C) syntax (D) graphology
6. Temporal dialect is the variety of language that is determined by
 (A) the time we live in (B) the place we come from
 (C) the channel we use (D) the manner we speak
7. The word "national" is an example of ... in word-formation.
 (A) blending (B) compound
 (C) derivation (D) back-formation
8. All the following languages except ... belong to the Indo-European family.
 (A) Russian (B) German
 (C) French (D) Indonesian
9. ... believe that language can determine the way people think.
 (A) All linguists (B) Some linguists
 (C) American linguists (D) Modern linguists
10. Formal linguistics is formal in the sense that
 (A) it studies languages that existed a long time ago
 (B) it tries to discover how formal language can be
 (C) it studies language used on formal occasions
 (D) it studies language by looking at its formal structures

III. Work out the ambiguities in the following sentences (10%):

1. The parents of the girls were ashamed of their conduct.
2. The shooting of the hunters occurred at dawn.

IV. Answer the following questions (40%):

1. What is the difference between competence and performance according to Chomsky?
2. How can we identify new information in speech?
3. Why do we say that context plays a very important role in discourse comprehension?
4. In what ways is linguistics useful to language teaching?