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1998 年招收攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试试题

报考专业: 英语语言文学

考试科目: 语言学理论

语言学与应用语言学

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'98 Graduate Entrance Examination:
Linguistics

I. Define the following terms (30%):

affix, context, conversion, inversion,
phonetics, inference, implicature,
morphology, illocutionary force,
distinctive feature

II. Choose the right answer (20%):

- The relationship between a speech sound and the meaning it represents is
a/ well-known b/ mysterious
c/ arbitrary d/ natural
- Noam Chomsky is the author of
a/ Syntactic Structures
b/ Discourse Analysis
c/ Text and Context
d/ An Introduction to Functional Grammar

- The sentence "It is me" is considered wrong in ... grammar.
a/ functional b/ prescriptive
c/ descriptive d/ transformational
- Phatic is one of the language
a/ forms b/ structures
c/ patterns d/ functions
- Text is a ... unit.
a/ grammatical b/ semantic
c/ syntactic d/ prosodic
- Politeness Principle is put forward by
a/ Leech b/ Grice
c/ Austin d/ Searle
- Diachronic linguistics is a study of language
a/ in ancient times
b/ in modern times
c/ at different places
d/ over a certain period of time
- The meaning and message of a sentence are
a/ always the same b/ always different
c/ often different d/ exactly the same

III. Answer the following questions (50%):

1. What is language to you?
2. What functions can language perform? Give an example to illustrate ONE of these functions.
3. How can ambiguity be removed?
4. Do you think the following dialogue is coherent? Give reasons.
A: Are you going to Edinburgh tomorrow?
B: B. E. A. pilots are on strike.
5. Say a few words about the linguist or grammar book you know best.