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Linguistics

I. Explain the following terms: (20)

1. *duality as a design feature of language*
2. *Synchronic vs. diachronic perspective (of language)*
3. *distinctive features of speech sounds*
4. *semantic field*
5. *cooperative principle*

II. Describe the following sounds: (5)

/d/
/v/
/ŋ/
/ə/
/ɑ:/

III. Explain and comment on the following pair of sentences *a* and *b*: (10)

- a. *John is easy to please.*
- b. *John is eager to please.*

IV. There are two kinds of grammar based on different linguistic points of view. They are prescriptive grammar and descriptive grammar. A grammar may describe how language is actually spoken and/or written, and may not state or postulate how it ought to be spoken or written. But a grammar may also state the rules for what is considered the best or most correct usage. Which grammar is descriptive grammar, and which grammar is prescriptive grammar? Cite some examples to give your reasons. (15)

V. What are the principal differences between sentence meaning and speaker meaning? (15)

VI. Analyze the grammatical structure of the following sentence to illustrate its possible meanings: (15)

I saw him on the bus.

VII. Some people say that the Chinese particle 了 expresses the completion of an action. Is that true? How would you explain its meaning in the following sentences: (10)

天气冷起来了。

要下雪了。

我走了，再见。

你可别让我等到天黑了才来。

VIII. Study the following cases, and identify at least two groups whose (smallest) items are in syntagmatic relation, and at least another two groups whose (smallest) items are in paradigmatic relation. (You can give more than two groups.) (20)

/pa:t/, /bi:t/, /ha:d/, /mi:t/, /si:t/, /bo:t/, /ka:t/, /pa:s/, /pi:s/, /bi:z/, /ha:t/, /bi:d/

IX. Put the following words in a hierarchical order (you can use a tree diagram if need be) and try to define at least two of them: (15)

crocodile, mammal, reptile, rabbit, primate, animal

X. What contribution has linguistics made to the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language? (10)

XI. What are the major criteria for good language tests? Please explain with examples. (5)

XII. List three major English Language Teaching Methodologies you know. Which do you like best? Please give your reasons. (10)