

中原大學 95 學年度碩士班入學考試

3 月 18 日 14:00~15:30 應用外語系

誠實是我們珍視的美德，
我們喜愛「拒絕作弊，堅守正直」的你！
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科目：語言學概論

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I. What is the “prescriptive approach” and what is the “descriptive approach” in the study of linguistics? Give examples to elucidate the differences between them. (10%)

II. Please analyze the following sentence by means of a syntactic tree diagram. (10%)

“Buffalo buffalo that Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo.”

(Hint: the word “buffalo” has different meanings:

1. Buffalo (noun): a city in the New York State
2. buffalo (noun): wild animals like large cows
3. to buffalo (verb): to scare
4. Buffalo buffalo (NP): the buffalo in the Buffalo City)

III. Please classify the following languages into 5 groups according to their genetic relationship: (10%)

Greek, English, Mandarin, Mongolian, German, Finnish, Malay, Tibetan, Turkish, Persian, Indonesian, Hungarian,

IV. Dialects are generally classified into two main types, namely “regional dialects” and “social dialects”. What are the differences between these two types of dialects? (10%)

V. Consider the following nouns and their correspondent plural forms and answer the questions: (10%)

Single form		plural form
Mickey mouse	→	Mickey mouses.
walkman	→	walkmans
snowman	→	snowmen
tenderfoot	→	tenderfoots
batman	→	batmans
oil mouse	→	oil mice (metaphorically means: people who steal oil)
saw tooth	→	saw teeth

Why are the plural forms of the nouns somewhere “regular” (such as walkmans, tenderfoots, batmans...) and elsewhere “irregular” (such as snowmen, oil mice, saw teeth)? Give your reasons.

VI. There are two models for explaining language processing: the serial model versus the interactive model. What are the arguments of these two models? (10%)

VII.

(a) *psychology*

(b) *employee*

(c) *parking*

(d) *Christian*

1. Please transcribe the sounds of the words into the IPA phonetic symbols and mark the stress positions (primary and secondary) as well. (4%)
2. The (primary) stress position of an English word can usually be determined by the factors such as morphological structure, syntactic category, or syllable weight. Please explain the factors that determine the stress positions of (a) and (b). (4%)
3. Please draw diagrams to illustrate the syllable structures of (c) and (d). (4%)

VIII. Please give two pieces of evidences that support the view of the language faculty as an autonomous, genetically determined brain module! (8%)

IX. Please explain the term *theta assignment* and give an example to elucidate its concept! (5%)

X. Please use complete sentences to explain the following terms: (15%)

scalar antonyms

minimal pairs

dissimilation rules

gating

metonym: