

Paper 4 question 2

INTRODUCTION

Depending on the topic of the article

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Language is an essential part of nearly every individual's day-to-day life. It is related to the expression of opinions, desires, thoughts, and affections, and is necessary for humans to achieve communication. However, being related to thoughts, language is likely to influence the way we view the world and vice versa. The issues related to the language and the self are numerous and some of them presented in the given article will be discussed hereinafter.

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- If the topic of the article is how different languages have different ways of expressing certain ideas and concepts, then:
 - Language and thought theories (Sapir-Whorf hypothesis - language as prison for thoughts, linguistic relativity, Lera Boroditsky, Orwell's Newspeak, Boas-Jakobson principle, political correctness, Euphemism treadmill) and how they connect to the issues in the article

OR

- If the topic of the article is how different social and age groups and individuals use language, then:
 - Communication accommodation theory, Grice's maxims, Cooperative principle - positive and negative face, Maslow's hierarchy of needs, Jocks and burnouts study, idiolect and sociolect, Social identity theory - us vs them, Milroy's networks, slang, studies - Labov, Trudgill, code switching)

OR

- If the topic of the article is how various minority groups use language and how language is used to include or exclude them from society, then:
 - Genderlect theories (Deborah Tannen, muted group theory, standpoint theory, politeness principle, confirmation bias, language of inclusion and exclusion)

CONCLUSION

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Although there is no right answer to the debate discussed in the article, we can conclude that the main topic of discourse presented is related to the extent to which language shapes our identity which will always remain remarkable, as we are not able to express ourselves fully in the absence of language.

OR

Thus, even though we may be able to understand the words, their essence is inevitably lost. The most important issues outlined in the article are, therefore, one's inability to express their

feelings/thoughts in a language, the inability to translate certain words and the different views individuals have according to the language they speak.