

MS Applied Linguistics

Sample Test



SUBJECT TEST
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Time: 1hr 30mnts.

Pick the right options:

1. Morphology describes the rules that govern:

- a) Sentence structure
- b) Meanings in words, sentences, narratives, and conversation
- c) Sequencing of speech sounds and combining sounds to form words
- d) The structure of words

2. Which of these is a gradable opposite?

- a) Husband — wife
- b) Hot — cold
- c) Male — female
- d) Single — married

3. Pointing to a tree, young Ramal says, "bird flied away." Ramal's interesting, but inaccurate, use of the "ed" word ending shows that he is trying to learn _____ rules of language.

- a) syntactical
- b) semantic
- c) pragmatic
- d) morphological

4. The syntax of a language is relatively more "open" than the morphology or phonology.

- a) True
- b) False

5. By definition a sentence is the largest linguistic unit with grammatical structure.

- a) True
- b) False

6. Illocutionary Act = The act you are doing by speaking (apologizing, encouraging, loving, etc.)

- a) True
- b) False

7. Performative Verbs = A verb (action word) that performs an action just by saying it (love, sorry, hate)
saying "I love you" is a sentence, but it also does the act of giving love

- a) True
- b) False

8. Consider the sentence: "The fact that I have a grandson doesn't mean I'm a grandmother."

The speaker's denial of the fact that she is a grandmother despite her being one by definition is a violation of which maxim?

- a) manner
- b) relation
- c) quantity

d) quality

9. In conversation analysis, the term 'indexicality' refers to _____.

- a) the meaning of words or utterances as they depend on the context in which they are used
- b) the idea that spoken words are constitutive of the social world
- c) the problem of the coding of the spoken word
- d) All of the above

10. Potter and Wetherell (1994) use the term 'interpretative repertoires' to _____.

- a) highlight the repertoire a researcher can use to interpret their research findings
- b) show how people interpret their environment
- c) identify the general resources used to perform discursive acts
- d) identify the detailed procedures used to construct factual versions

11. Which of the following are characteristics of the discourse analysis?

- a) A preference for reading the details
- b) Giving attention to rhetorical details
- c) Looking for accountability
- d) All of the above

12. Dialectal variation refers to variation in linguistic forms associated primarily with which of the following phenomena?

- a) Social groups
- b) Illiterate speakers
- c) Geographical regions
- d) Rural regions

13. Which of the following characteristics is not likely to correlate with systematic variation in a language.

- a) Age
- b) Religion
- c) Sex
- d) Ethnicity

14. Language choice in bilingual speech communities can usually be explained completely by the domain of the speech interaction.

- a) True
- b) False

15. Code switching refers to which of the following phenomena:

- a) Switching from written to spoken codes
- b) Changing languages in different domains
- c) Changing languages with a single discourse

16. If every time a baby is fed they hear the word "bottle" spoken, eventually the word bottle alone will evoke the same response as being fed. According to classical conditioning the word "bottle" is the?

- a) conditioned stimulus

- b) conditioning
c) Neutral Stimulus
d) Behaviour
17. Chomsky described this concept to be the reason why children have a fundamental understanding of the rules of language no matter what their native language is.
- a) Structural rules
b) Universal Grammar
c) Language Acquisition
d) Conditioning
18. Which of the following is not a key component of linguistic competence?
- a) being able to judge grammatical from ungrammatical sentences
b) knowing how to create plurals
c) being able to read and write
d) knowing how to build phrases and sentences
19. Psycholinguistics is interdisciplinary and is studied by people in a variety of fields, such as psychology, _____, and linguistics.
- a) Artificial intelligence
b) Cognition
c) Cognitive science
d) Cognitive psychology
20. Lexicon is the collection of -----
- a) Words
b) Proverbs
c) Phrases
d) Riddles
21. The Rawalpindi city council started a publicity campaign for convincing the people to use public transport rather than their own transport in the city. After two months later there was a decrease in private transport on the roads in the mid city area. The city council claimed that their publicity campaign was successful to convince people to leave their cars at home and ride the city bus service to work. Which of the following if true creates the most serious doubt on the conclusion drawn above?
- a) There was a subsequent increase in the use of CNG.
b) The busiest roads of the city have been damaged because of continual floods in Nala Leyee for last five months
c) People are busy enough to bring their vehicles on the roads
d) City council expended a lot of money to make the campaign successful
22. Dr. Subhans Extensive clinical trials of the new herbal drug Podine have demonstrated that Podine is effective in slowing the rate of aging in men. Dr. Talib disagrees and cites a recent study suggesting that Podine is also to chemotherapy or other cancer treatments. Dr. Talib's response suggests that he has interpreted Dr. Subhans statement to mean that
- a) Podine is effective only in treating male aging process
b) Men in aging process should be treated with Podine
c) Podine should be available to everywhere in the country

- d) Women rarely suffer faster aging they must not use of a drug like Podine
- e) Men are stronger than women they do not need Podine like drug in their youth

23. In an examination Rizwana has more marks than the Fauzia. Shugufta has fewer marks than the Zahid. Fauzia and Abid have more marks than Shugufta. If the above is true which of the following must also be true?

- a) The Fauzia has fewer marks than the Shugufta.
- b) Rizwana has more points than the Shugufta
- c) Fauzia has fewer points than Zahid
- d) Zahid has more points than the Rizwana

24. Many people do not read the books they purchase. For example seventeen percent of college students in Pakistan have text books but only forty-five percent of them read more than once a year and only seventeen percent read more than once a week. Which of the following if true casts doubt on the claim that most people read the books they purchase?

- a) Reading speed is increased by excessive readings.
- b) Knowledge is improved by regular book reading
- c) Many people buy books to pretend themselves as a scholar
- d) More people buy novels

25. Asmat Chughtai is considered by many literacy critics to be one of the greatest Indo Pak writers of the 20th century if not of all time. However her sexist attitude posturing have made her less popular than some of her contemporaries among todays readers. If the statements above are true all of the following must also be true EXCEPT.

- a) Chughtais more popular contemporaries do not exhibit her sexist attitudes
- b) Chughtais outdated attitudes are a major reason for her relative lack of popularity
- c) many modern readers find Chughtais sexist attitudes distasteful
- d) most of Chughtais contemporaries exhibited the same sexist attitudes

26. Although we may be exposed to all the various types of music - classical folk jazz rock and country over the course of a lifetime the type of music we loved as adolescents will always be our favorite. Which of the following if true would most seriously weaken the argument above?

- a) Some people who are exposed to folk music only late in life learn to enjoy it
- b) Some people who love rock as adolescents come to prefer classical music later in life.
- c) Those who are exposed to jazz only as children never learn to appreciate it.
- d) Those who enjoy country music as adolescents always favor it over other types of music

27. In his book Black Thief Mr. Kashif claimed that when fellow writer Mr. Salman remarked to him. The rich are different from you and I Mr. Kashif responded by saying Yes they have more money. All of the following conclusions can be reasonably drawn from the above EXCEPT.

- a) Mr. Salman believed that there was some fundamental difference between the rich and everyone else.
- b) Mr. Kashif believed that the difference between those with and without money was simply financial
- c) Mr. Kashif had a sardonic sense of humor
- d) neither of the authors had as yet achieved significant commercial success

28. Beginning at the end of 1965 war the enormous expenditure on arms that the Cold war forced on both Pakistan and India while having no obvious effect on the quality of life in Pakistan resulted in a

considerable decrease in the quality of life in India. This in turn led to general dissatisfaction disappointment in the Indian social system and ultimately the dismantling of Indian government. Which of the following if true most seriously weakens the argument above?

- a) Although it was not obvious the arms expenditures of the cold war did affect the quality of life in Pakistan
- b) The quality of life in India was relatively poor even prior to the end of the war.
- c) Overall the quality of life actually improved in Pakistan during the years after the conclusion of the war.
- d) Dissatisfaction with the quality of life was only one of many factors which contributed to the Indian Peoples disillusionment with their social system.

29. The compulsory training for city wagon drivers resulted in a reduction in fatal accident rate over the past two years. Compared to the five-year period prior to the compulsion of the training fatal accident rate decreased by 25 percent. Which one of the following if true most substantially strengthens the argument above?

- a) The accident rate of other traffic has remained steady over the past five years.
- b) Traffic load has increased over the past five years.
- c) Government has implemented a speed control campaign last year
- d) Road conditions in the country are better than has been previously.

30. My mother is sister of your brother. What an I to you?

- a) Cousin
- b) Nephew
- c) Uncle
- d) Brother

31. Today Wegener's theory is ____ ; however, he died an outsider treated with ____ by the scientific establishment.

- a) unsupported - approval
- b) dismissed - contempt
- c) accepted - approbation
- d) unchallenged - disdain

32. Biological clocks are of such ____ adaptive value to living organisms, that we would expect most organisms to ____ them.

- a) clear - avoid
- b) meager - evolve
- c) significant - eschew
- d) obvious - possess

33. The peasants were the least ____ of all people, bound by tradition and ____ by superstitions.

- a) free - fettered
- b) enfranchised - rejected
- c) enthralled - tied
- d) pinioned - limited

34. If there is nothing to absorb the energy of sound waves, they travel on ____ , but their intensity ____ as they travel further from their source.

- a) erratically - mitigates
- b) forever - increases
- c) steadily - stabilizes
- d) indefinitely - diminishes

Choose one alternative which is opposite in meaning to the given word:

35. FOE

- a) Friend
- b) Enemy
- c) Foul
- d) Fail

36. CONSENSUS

- a) Agreement
- b) Disagreement
- c) Quality
- d) Special case

37. FECKLESS

- a) Weak
- b) Careful
- c) Careless
- d) Unlucky

38. MELANCHOLY

- a) Sorrowful
- b) Happy
- c) Confused
- d) Convicted

Pick the correct synonyms for each of the following words:

39. ANOMALY

- a) Normal
- b) Straight
- c) Irregularity
- d) Integrity

40. ABSTRUSE

- a) Showy
- b) Evident
- c) Skillful
- d) Concealed

41. VACOUS

- a) Stupid
- b) Truthfulness

- c) Ravenous
- d) Dreamer

42. PRAGMATIC

- a) Practical
- b) Magnetic
- c) Liar
- d) Arrogant

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that followed

The explosion of a star is an awesome event. The most violent of these cataclysms, which produce supernovae, probably destroys a star completely. Within our galaxy of roughly 100 billion stars the last supernova was observed in 1604. Much smaller explosions, however, occur quite frequently, giving rise to what astronomers call novae and dwarf novae. On the order of 25 novae occur in our galaxy every year, but only two or three are near enough to be observed. About 100 dwarf novae are known altogether. If the exploding star is in a nearby part of the galaxy, it may create a "new star" that was not previously visible to the naked eye. The last new star of this sort that could be observed clearly from the Northern Hemisphere appeared in 1946. In these smaller explosions the star loses only a minute fraction of its mass and survives to explode again. Astrophysicists are fairly well satisfied that they can account for the explosions of supernovae. The novae and dwarf novae have presented more of a puzzle. From recent investigations that have provided important new information about these two classes of exploding star, the picture that emerges is quite astonishing. It appears that every dwarf nova – and perhaps every nova – is a member of a pair of stars. The two stars are so close together that they revolve around a point that lies barely outside the surface of the larger star. As a result the period of rotation is usually only a few hours, and their velocities range upward to within a two-hundredth of the speed of light.

43. According to the passage, our observations of nova are hampered by their

- a) extreme brightness
- b) loss of mass
- c) speed of rotation
- d) distance from Earth

44. The production of supernova

- a) occurs frequently
- b) occurs 25 times in 1 year
- c) occurred in 1946
- d) occurred in 1604

45. By the term "new star" the author means one that has

- a) recently gained in mass
- b) moved from a distant galaxy
- c) become bright enough to strike the eye
- d) not previously risen above the horizon

46. When novae and dwarf novae occur,

- a) the star survive to explode again

- b) the star destroys completely
- c) the star devides in two parts
- d) the star becomes a dwarf novae

47. The statement, "velocities range upward to within a two-hundredth of the speed of light" is for

- a) novae
- b) dwarf novae
- c) supernova
- d) pair of stars

48. The period of rotation of the pair of stars is usually only a few hours, because

- a) the one star is so smaller
- b) the two stars are very near to each other
- c) the revolving point is too near
- d) they do not have solid outer surface

Essay

ARN: _____ Seat No. _____ Lab No. _____ Discipline: _____ Date: June 2, 2015

Write an essay of 200-250 words on the following topic:

Topic: The best way to make a company profitable is to encourage cooperation and collaboration rather than promote employee competition.

Instructions: Organize your essay: Focus on an interesting introduction with a clear thesis, in the discussion of logically coherent main body, be sure to analyze the line of reasoning and the use of evidence in the argument, give strong conclusion at the end.

Time Allowed: 30 Minutes Marks: =20 [MS(AL)]