

八十六學年度 外國語文 系(所) 乙 組碩士班研究生入學者試  
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1. Give two different theories about the first language acquisition which have been proposed and make a comparison between them? In your own opinion, which is a better theory? Why? (20%)
2. Comment on any two of the following popular ideas about language learning? (20%)
  - a. Languages are learned mainly through imitation.
  - b. The earlier a second language is introduced in school programs, the greater likelihood of success in learning.
  - c. Most of the mistakes second language learners make are due to interference from their first language.
3. What is pidginization? What are some commonly observed processes that happen during pidginization? In what way or ways can an interlanguage be regarded as a pidgin? (20%)
4.
  - a. Define the Whorf-Sapir hypothesis the best you can. Be sure to include in your definition the distinction between the strong version and the weak version
  - b. Discuss your own view of the hypothesis, citing whatever evidence you have for support.
  - c. Point out whatever significance the hypothesis bears on the second/foreign language learning.(20%)
5. a. Using the following conversation for examples, explain the following two terms: (1) adjacency pair(also called utterance pair); (2) conditional relevance. (10%)
  - A: Wanna come to a party?
  - B: Can I bring a friend?
  - A: Male or Female?
  - B: Female.
  - A: Sure.
  - B: O.K.

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b. Explain in terms of speech act theory why the following conversation is humorous. (10%)

Customer: Waiter, waiter, there is a fly in my soup!

Waiter: Hush, sir, not so loud, they'll all be wanting one.