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國文(50分)

假設你受邀為某科學教育雜誌撰寫一篇有關語言學的科普文章，介紹語言學是什麼，語言學的內容，以及語言學在科學研究方面的重要性。由於該雜誌屬於科學教育性質，讀者大多為中、高等教育的學生以及學術界人士。請根據以上的要求，撰寫一篇介紹語言學的文章。

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I. Reading comprehension (20%)

According to the following passage, explain in your own words what a cyclic rule is.

“The next significant advance on the problem of derived environment rules was made by Mascaro (1976), who discovered reasons to believe that the restriction to derived contexts is a property of cyclic rules. Cyclic application refers to a situation in which the derivation proceeds in stages, through repeated application of the same set of ordered rules to successively larger, more inclusive strings. The derivation of a big string VWXYZ thus works in successive cycles, from the inside out, rather than in one single run through the rules. Given a string VWXYZ, first an inner substring X is submitted to the cyclic rules. They apply to derive VWX'YZ. The derivation then moves out to a more inclusive substring WX'Y. The substring WX'Y is submitted to the same set of cyclic rules. Their application yields a string X". The resultant VX"Z is then cycled through the rules again until the outermost cycle comprehending the entire string has been processed. Of course, one assumes that the delimitation of the cyclic domains has some motivation independent of phonology. A natural proposal is that the cyclic domains mirror the morphological structure of the word, such that each successive level of affixation defines a separate cycle. For example, for the word [origin+al+ity], the stem [origin] would constitute the first cyclic domain, [[origin]al] the second, and the entire word [[[origin]al]ity] the third.”

II. Composition (30%)

To your knowledge, what is/are the goal(s) of linguistics? Based on your answer(s) to this (open-ended) question, describe a linguistic phenomenon that you think helps support the view you are trying to articulate. Keep your discussions as “linguistics-oriented” as possible.