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#### Websites

Site contains an abundant list of links to culturally diverse sites in areas such as language and ethnography.

http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~abrice/Cross-cultural.html

The Child Language Data Exchange System (CHILDES) contains a wealth of child language data including transcripts.

http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/

# Test Bank

# The Territory

## 1.1 MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. Language is
  - A) a shared code.
  - B) a system for representing concepts.
  - C) rule-governed.
  - D) generative.
  - E) all of the above.

#### **Answer: E**

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- 2. Approximately how many new words are added to the English language each day?
  - A) 1
  - B) 6
  - C) 18
  - D) 24

#### **Answer: B**

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- 3. American Sign Language is
  - A) not rule-governed.
  - B) a language.
  - C) the English language in another mode.
  - D) not a language because it is not transmitted by speech.
  - E) all of the above.

# Answer: B

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- 4. Which of the following are true about language?
  - A) Languages stay the same over time.
  - B) Languages can add new words.
  - C) Languages can drop word endings.
  - D) Both B and C
  - E) All of the above

## Answer: D

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- 5. Intonation, stress, and rate of delivery are examples of
  - A) nonlinguistic cues.
  - B) metalinguistic cues.
  - C) paralinguistic cues.
  - D) linguistic cues.
  - E) none of the above.

#### Answer: C

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- 6. Which of the following are examples of paralinguistic codes?
  - A) words
  - B) stress
  - C) intonation
  - D) gestures
  - E) both B and C

#### **Answer: E**

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- 7. Which of the following are examples of nonlinguistic cues?
  - A) eye contact
  - B) facial expression
  - C) rising pitch
  - D) both A and B
  - E) all of the above

#### Answer: D

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- 8. A grammar is
  - A) a set of language rules.
  - B) only found in syntactic rules.
  - C) the same as "parts of speech" learned in school.
  - D) the same as linguistic performance.
  - E) all of the above.

# Answer: A

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- 9. Language form consists of
  - A) syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.
  - B) syntax, morphology, and phonology.
  - C) phonology, semantics, and pragmatics.
  - D) morphology, phonology, and semantics.

#### Answer: B

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- 10. The aspect of language concerned with word order and sentence organization is
  - A) syntax.
  - B) morphology.
  - C) phonology.
  - D) semantics.
  - E) pragmatics.

# Answer: A

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- 11. Syntax falls under the category of language
  - A) form.
  - B) content.
  - C) use.
  - D) all of the above.

#### Answer: A

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- 12. Semantics falls under what component of language?
  - A) form
  - B) content
  - C) use
  - D) all of the above

#### **Answer: B**

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- 13. The smallest grammatical unit is a
  - A) speech act.
  - B) phoneme.
  - C) performative.
  - D) morpheme.

# Answer: D

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- 14. A phoneme is
  - A) the smallest linguistic unit of sound.
  - B) a family of very similar sounds.
  - C) different enough from other phonemes to signal changes in meaning.
  - D) all of the above.

#### Answer: D

- 15. The following are bound morphemes:
  - A) -ing
  - B) -ly
  - C) is
  - D) in
  - E) both A and B

#### Answer: E

- 16. We cannot use the term "male mother" due to
  - A) suprasegmental devices.
  - B) accessibility.
  - C) semantic features.
  - D) selection restrictions.

#### Answer: D

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- 17. All but which of the following is one of the general concerns of pragmatic rules?
  - A) selection of appropriate form
  - B) use of forms consistent with roles
  - C) correct sound combinations
  - D) use of ritualized forms

Answer: C

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# 1.2 TRUE/FALSE

1. Speech is the only mode of human communication.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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2. Language remains the same across time.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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3. In face-to-face conversation, more emphasis is placed on nonverbal means of communication than on speech.

**Answer: TRUE** 

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4. Dialects are subcategories of a parent language that use similar, but not identical rules.

**Answer: TRUE** 

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5. American Sign Language is simply a manual form of spoken English.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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6. You cannot have communication without speech and language.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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7. Language and grammar are the same.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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8. Linguistic competence can never be determined without observing linguistic performance.

**Answer: TRUE** 

9. Dialectal speakers have a language disorder.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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10. Kindergartners know most of the rules of their native language.

**Answer: TRUE** 

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11. Morphology specifies which word combinations are grammatical and which are not. **Answer: FALSE** 

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12. Spoken language is more informal than written language.

**Answer: TRUE** 

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13. Free morphemes are grammatical tags or markers that cannot function independently.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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14. For mature language users, words do not refer directly to an object, event, or relationship, but to a concept.

**Answer: TRUE** 

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15. Antonyms are words that differ in the opposite value of at least two important features.

**Answer: FALSE** 

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#### 1.3 SHORT ANSWER

1. The specific sounds of a language are called	alled	language are called	of a	sounds	ne specific	1. T
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### **Answer: phonemes**

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2. The three properties of language are that it is \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

# Answer: a social tool, rule-governed, generative

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3. Language is a unique vehicle for . .

# **Answer: thought**

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4. Words such as "jet" in French and "sushi" in English are examples of words.

# **Answer: borrowed**

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5. The degree to which a speaker is successful in communicating is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_·

# **Answer: communicative competence**

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6. Give examples of each of the following: paralinguistic codes, nonlinguistic cues, and metalinguistic skills.

#### Answer:

Paralinguistic codes include intonation, stress or emphasis, speed or rate of delivery, and pause or hesitation. These cues enhance or change the speech signal by expressing the attitude or emotion of the speaker.

Nonlinguistic cues include gestures, body posture, facial expression, eye contact, head and body movement, and physical distance. These cues enhance or change the speech signal or may be substituted for the speech signal.

Metalinguistic skills are the ability to talk about language, think about it, judge it, and see if as an entity separate from its content.

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7.	Communication is a tool for
	Answer: social action
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8.	Paralinguistic mechanisms that act across elements of a sentence and have the potential to
	change the form and meaning of a sentence are known as
	Answer: suprasegmental devices
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9.	Learning to read and write requires skills.
	Answer: metalinguistic
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10.	The five components of language are,,,
	and
	Answer: syntax, morphology, phonology, semantics, pragmatics
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11.	The main elements of a sentence are a and a
	Answer: noun phrase, verb phrase
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12.	Derivational morphemes include both and
	Answer: prefixes, suffixes
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13.	What are the three ways phonemes are classified?
	Answer:
	1) acoustic or sound properties, 2)the way they are produced, 3) the place of production (voice, manner, place)
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14.	Phonological rules govern the and of phonemes.
	Answer: distribution, sequencing
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15.	Semantics is
	Answer: a system of rules governing the meaning or content of words and word combinations
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16.	knowledge forms each person's mental dictionary.
	Answer: Word
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17. Words such as "mother" and "girl" share the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ feature of "female."

Answer: semantic

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18. Language use is also called \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: pragmatics

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# 1.4 ESSAY

- 1. Describe the differences between and the relationship of speech, language, and communication.
- 2. Scenario A: A baby is reaching to be picked up. Scenario B: A girl sends a text message to her friend. Determine if each of these scenarios involves speech, language, and communication. Explain why each component is or is not included.
  - Diff: 5 Page Ref: 4–12
- 3. How do languages grow and change over time? What needs to happen to prevent a language from becoming obsolete?
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- 4. Language is said to be a generative system. Explain what this means, and include at least three conditions that allows for linguistic creativity.
  - Diff: 5 Page Ref: 15
- 5. Name and describe the five main components of language. Use a sentence or two and determine which parts of each sentence are representative of those five components.

# Describing Language

# 2.1 MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. Which type of language scientist is most interested in linguistic or cultural context? A) sociolinguist B) speech-language pathologist C) linguist D) behavioral psychologist
  - Answer: A

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- 2. According to behavior theory, complex language structures are learned by
  - A) extinction.
  - B) successive approximation.
  - C) stimulus management.
  - D) none of the above.

#### Answer: B

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- 3. According to behavioral theory, longer sentences are learned by
  - A) chaining.
  - B) extinction.
  - C) punishment.
  - D) stimulus management.

# Answer: A

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- 4. The deep structure of an utterance is
  - A) formed by the transformational rules.
  - B) what the speaker actually says.
  - C) formed using the phrase structure rules.
  - D) all of the above.

#### Answer: C

- 5. The formula  $NP_2 + be + V + -ed + by + NP_1$ 
  - A) is a transformational rule.
  - B) is a phrase structure rule.
  - C) forms the deep structure of an utterance.
  - D) is found in the LAD.