

Modern Linguistic Theories

Examination questions

1. Phases of development in 20th century linguistics.
2. Structuralism as a trend in 20th century linguistics. The Saussurean model. American structuralism.
3. Generativism as a trend in 20th century linguistics.
4. Functionalism as a trend in 20th century linguistics. The Linguistic Circle of Prague. Functional linguistics in Britain.
5. Approaches to analyzing discourse. The notion of discourse. Spoken and written discourse.
6. Interpreting Discourse. The notions of cohesion and coherence.
7. Main problems of Conversation analysis (turn-taking, the co-operative principle, hedges, implicatures, background knowledge).
8. The emergence of discourse analysis. Types of discourse studies. Principles of discourse analysis.
9. Descriptive discourse analysis vs. Critical discourse analysis.
10. Discourse and ideology. Multimodal discourse analysis
11. Pragmatics: meaning in interaction. Types of speech acts.
12. Theories of politeness. Pragmatic approaches to politeness (Geoffrey Leech, Ervin Goffman, Penelope Brown and Stephen Levinson).
13. The cognitive basis of language. Cognitive linguistics and functionalism. Commitments of Cognitive linguistics.
14. Cognitive grammar. Things, relations and conceptual cores. Situations and sentences.
15. Guiding principles of Cognitive semantics. Phenomena investigated within Cognitive semantics.
16. Frame semantics.
17. The theory of Domains.
18. Prototype theory.
19. Conceptual Metaphor Theory.
20. Mental space theory.
21. Conceptual blending theory.
22. Typology of corpus linguistic research. Benefits and limitations of corpus analysis.
23. Types of corpora. Corpus tools and types of analysis.
24. Computational linguistics as a field of science.
25. Computational linguistics: morphological processing, syntactic processing, semantic processing.