

臺北市立師範學院

九十四學年度研究所碩士班入學考試試題

所 別：英語教學系碩士班

科 目：語言學概論

考試時間：九十分鐘

總 分：一百分

※ 注意：不必抄題，作答時請將試題題號及答案依照順序

寫在答卷上。(於本試題紙上作答者，不予計分)

Note: All questions must be answered in English.

. Define the following terms, first by presenting a formal definition and then by giving an example (40%; 5 points for each question).

1. Creole
2. Binary branching
3. Anaphora
4. Performative verb
5. Palatalization
6. Allophone
7. Euphemism
8. Inflectional morpheme

. Answer the following questions (60%; 10 points for each question).

1. In discussing the nature of meaning, the notions “intension” and “extension” have been distinguished. Describe the intensions and the extensions of the following two phrases:
(a) The President of the United States
(b) My best friend
2. Discuss the concept “Maxims of conversation” and use examples to support your discussion.
3. What is the “critical period hypothesis” in language acquisition research? Provide two different sources of evidence in support of the hypothesis.
4. Here are two sets of words from different stages of a child’s development.

- (a) Describe the syllable template for the child at each stage. What crucial differences in pronunciations between the early stage and the later stage might account for the change in the pronunciation?
- (b) The words at the early stage show two phonological processes that affect consonants. Describe these processes in words.

Word	Early stage	Later stage
crib	[rɪp]	[krɪp]
big	[bɪk]	[bɪk]
drive	[daɪf]	[draɪf]
skid	[kɪt]	[skɪt]
skate	[kæt]	[skæt]
glass	[gæs]	[glæs]
blood	[bʌt]	[blʌt]
bread	[bæt]	[bræt]
sneeze	[nis]	[snis]
cab	[kæp]	[kæp]
red	[ræt]	[ræt]

5. Examine the following sentences.

- (a) The towel the maid the gardener liked used was soggy.
- (b) The gardener liked the maid who used the towel which was soggy.

The two sentences are paraphrases of each other, with no significant meaning differences, and neither of them violates any grammatical rule of English. Yet people seldom use the center-embedded sentence (a) because it proves more difficult to process than (b). Why is it more difficult to process sentence (a) than sentence (b)?

6. For the following news title, state as precisely as you can in what ways it is ambiguous. Use it as an example to discuss the Principle of Compositionality.

Complaints about the Protest against Drug Dealers Growing Ugly.