

LING 200: Introduction to Linguistic Thought

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Final Exam Study Topics

CHAPTERS 1 AND 14: GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Competence versus Performance
Prescriptive versus Descriptive Rules of English
Design Features of Communication Systems
Animal Communication

CHAPTER 2: PHONETICS

IPA– sounds, symbols, descriptions
Phonetic transcription

CHAPTER 3: PHONOLOGY

Solving phonology problems
Natural classes of sounds
Phonotactic constraints
Phonemes versus Allophones
Minimal Pairs
Complementary versus Contrastive Distribution

CHAPTER 4: MORPHOLOGY

Inflection vs Derivation
Bound vs Free Morphemes
Root vs Affix
Morphological processes
Solving morphology problems
Hierarchical structures of words
Allomorphy
Morphological Types of Language

CHAPTER 5: SYNTAX

Content versus Function Words
Recursion
Constituency Tests
Phrase Structure Rules:
 S, VP, NP, PP, AdjP, AdvP etc
Phrase Structure Trees
Structural vs Lexical Ambiguity
Word Order Typology (head initial versus head final languages)

CHAPTER 6: SEMANTICS

Sense and Reference

Lexical versus compositional semantics

Semantic relationships among words

Thematic Roles

Truth Conditions

Semantic relationship between sentences

CHAPTER 7: PRAGMATICS

Rules of Conversation

Cooperative Principle

Maxims of Quality, Relevance, Quantity, and Manner

Flouting the Maxims

Implicatures based on the 4 maxims listed above

Speech Acts

Performative Verbs

Presupposition

CHAPTER 8: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

The Innateness Hypothesis

The Critical Age Hypothesis

Evidence for the two hypotheses listed above

Other Theories of Language Acquisition

Stages in Language Acquisition

Examples of the Acquisition of Phonetics/Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics

CHAPTER 9: LANGUAGE AND THE BRAIN

Evidence for Brain Lateralization

Brain Areas linked to Language

Evidence for Left Hemisphere Brain Lateralization for Language

Types of Aphasia: Broca's Aphasia, Wernicke's Aphasia

Evidence for the Psychological Reality of Linguistic Units

CHAPTER 10: LANGUAGE VARIATION

Dialect, Language, Idiolect, Style, Register

Mutual Intelligibility Criterion

Overt versus Covert Prestige

Examples of Phonetic, Phonological, Morphological, Syntactic, Semantic Variation

Factors Influencing Variation: Regional, Socioeconomic class, gender, age, ethnicity

Major dialect areas of American English

CHAPTER 11: LANGUAGE IN CONTACT

Borrowing

Pidgins versus Creoles

Main characteristics of Pidgin languages

Main characteristics of Creole languages

Substrate, Superstrate, Adstrate Languages

Safe, Endangered, Moribund Languages

Causes of Language Extinction

CHAPTER 12: LANGUAGE CHANGE

Diachronic versus Synchronic Linguistics

Models of Language Relatedness: Family Tree, Wave Theory

Examples of phonetic, phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic change

Analogy and Paradigm Leveling

Proto-Indo-European

FILE 13.4: WRITING SYSTEMS

Types of Writing System

Origin, Development, and Spread of Writing

Rebus Principle