

汕头大学 2019 年攻读硕士学位研究生入学考试试题

科目代码: 804

科目名称: 英语综合

适用专业: 英语语言文学

考生须知

答案一律写在答题纸上, 答在试题纸上的不得分! 请用黑色字迹签字笔作答, 答题要写清题号, 不必抄原题。

Part One: Language and linguistics (50 points)

I. Choose FIVE of the following terms and define them according to your linguistic knowledge. (20 points: 4 points for each)

1. syntagmatic relation
2. displacement
3. transfer
4. phatic communion
5. ideational function:
6. conversational implicature
7. speech variety
8. telegraphic speech
9. diglossia
10. morphology

II. Answer the following questions with your linguistic knowledge (30 points: 6 points for each):

1. How do you understand the critical period hypothesis?
2. How do you understand Sapir-Whorf hypothesis?
3. How do you understand interlanguage?
4. Illustrate with examples how suprasegmental features can affect meaning.
5. Discuss the biological basis of human language acquisition.

Part Two: British and American Literature (50 points)

I. Please explain the following literary terms (15 points: 3 points for each):

1. allegory
2. epic
3. motif
4. point of view
5. Renaissance

II. Please write a 200-word essay on one of your favorite poets or writers in British or American literature. Your discussion might cover the themes and writing techniques of his or her works, plus your understanding of the work in relation to its historical context. (20 points)

III. Please write a short essay on the following poem, explaining your understanding of it. (15 points)

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay

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In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I marked the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Part Three: Culture of English-speaking countries

(50 points)

I. Explain the following items in your own words. (30 points: 5 points for each.)

1. April Fools' Day
2. Guy Fawkes or Bonfire Night
3. People of Ireland
4. Anzac Day
5. Mississippi River
6. New England

II. Answer the following questions in your own words. (20 points: 5 points for each.)

1. Explain the geographical component parts of the United Kingdom and their relations.
2. Explain the significance of the American Westward Movement.
3. What are the basic American values?
4. What are the official and other main languages used in Canada?