

**Modern Linguistic Theories**  
SAMPLE TEST

1. Prototype theory is most closely associated with \_\_\_\_\_.

2. *Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English, British Academic Written English Corpus, Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English, British Academic Spoken English Corpus*: type of corpora \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The ‘father of pragmatics’: a) L. Bloomfield; b) F. de Saussure; c) N. Chomsky; d) R. Jakobson; e) N. Trubetzkoy; f) J. L. Austin

4. What sub-principle of iconicity is realized in the following examples?

a. No smoking.

b. Don’t smoke, will you?

c. Would you mind not smoking here, please. \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Match the term and the corresponding characteristics.

Corpus-based linguistics		a. view corpus linguistics as a theory b. perceived as a methodology c. offers a new way of looking at the creation of meaning d. corpus data are used to verify the existing theories
Corpus-driven linguistics		e. used to explore a hypothesis in order to validate it f. a corpus is the sole source of hypotheses about language g. a corpus embodies its own theory of language

6. The book that gave a detailed account of the field of linguistics and ‘taught linguistics to America’ was written by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Complete the definition: \_\_\_\_\_ – identification of patterns and extraction of information across very large datasets.

8. Circle the examples of actions of people threatening our positive face: a) orders; b) insults; c) reminders; d) asking for clarification; e) negative evaluations; f) criticism

9. Analyze the following situation: *John and Bill are sitting in a room together. The room is a bit chilly, and the window is open. John says, ‘It’s cold in here.’ Then Bill gets up and closes the window.*

The illocutionary force is: \_\_\_\_\_.

The perlocutionary force is \_\_\_\_\_.

10. What maxim does the second speaker violate? \_\_\_\_\_.

A: I am out of petrol [=gasoline].

B: There is a garage [=service station] around the corner.

11. What cognitive phenomenon is an interpretation of the following instruction based on?

*Give him these drops every two hours.* \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Consider the example: *Exploiting nature to meet present needs, **you** are destroying resources for the future.* The type of reference is: a) cataphoric; b) anaphoric; c) exophoric.

13. According to Mark Johnson, a recurring structure within our cognitive processes which establishes patterns of understanding and reasoning is \_\_\_\_\_.

14. The beginnings of American linguistics are associated with \_\_\_\_\_ (names of scholars).

15. Fill in the gap: In Computational linguistics, \_\_\_\_\_ represents the hierarchical syntactic structure of a sentence.

16. Match the term and the link between form and meaning in the following types of sign.

index		a. similarity
icon		b. contiguity
symbol		c. convention

17. Within the framework of pragmatics *politeness* is interpreted as \_\_\_\_\_ (one sentence).

18. The most prominent member of a conceptual category that first comes to mind when we think of that category is called \_\_\_\_\_.

19. In Corpus linguistics, assigning grammatical categories or tags to all the words within a corpus is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

20. The most influential of the 'post-Bloomfieldians' that brought the transitional interlude in the USA to an end was \_\_\_\_\_.

21. Write four examples of *National corpora*

22. The *discourse-cognition-society* triangle as a bedrock of multidisciplinary discourse analysis was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_.

23. Geoffrey Leech's scale is intended to illustrate that:

- a) the level of impoliteness of an utterance increases in tandem with the inconvenience that it would impose on the hearer;
- b) the level of impoliteness of an utterance decreases in tandem with the inconvenience that it would impose on the hearer;
- c) the level of impoliteness of an utterance decreases in tandem with the amount of benefit a hearer might derive from it;
- d) the level of impoliteness of an utterance increases in tandem with the amount of benefit a hearer might derive from it

24. The monitor corpus approach was proposed by: a) Tony McEnery; b) John Sinclair; c) Andrew Hardie; d) Geoffrey Leech

25. Complete the definition of discourse: *Discourse* – language use \_\_\_\_\_ the sentence (\_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_ the sentence (\_\_\_\_\_).

26. The notion of the *context of situation* is associated with \_\_\_\_\_.

27. Identify the type of mapping that accounts for the meaning of the sentence (according to Fauconnier): The Ministry of Defence *purchased* twenty new helicopters from Westland.

a) projection mapping; b) pragmatic function mapping; c) schema mapping

28. Correct the following statement (cross out the wrong word, write down the right one): According to Ruth Wodak, the triangle of Discourse analysis consists of language, society, context. \_\_\_\_\_

29. Identify the **frame** associated with the following lexical units: *approach*, n., *approach*, v., *arrival*, n., *arrive*, v., *come*, v., *enter*, v., *entry*, n., *reach*, v., *return*, n., *return*, v., *visit*, n., *visit*, v. \_\_\_\_\_.

30. Which of the following phenomena are investigated within *Cognitive semantics*?

a) mappings; b) grounding elements; c) categorization; d) bodily basis of meaning; e) frames; f) setting elements; g) sentence structure

31. According to Rosch, the most inclusive levels is a) superordinate, b) basic; c) subordinate

32. He introduced the notion of ‘discourse’ (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (*year*).

33. Consider the sentence: *Here you may enjoy the atmosphere and comfort*. Fill in the table:

conceptual core	grammatical core	nominal grounding	clausal grounding	setting elements

34. Consider the example: *Geologists study accumulated layers of rock as **they** want to find out about previous civilizations*. The type of reference is: a. cataphoric; b. anaphoric; c. exophoric.

35. What maxim does the second speaker violate? \_\_\_\_\_.

Teacher: *Why didn't you do your homework?*

Student: *May I go and get some water? I'm so thirsty.*

36. Correct the statement: **Speech acts are concerned with the *meaning* of language rather than with the *use* of language.**

\_\_\_\_\_.

37. Enumerate three approaches to data collection in Corpus linguistics:

\_\_\_\_\_.

38. Consider the paragraph. What speech event frame is activated? \_\_\_\_\_.

*What have you got to say for yourself, Libra? Speak up starting NOW, because loquacious Mercury wings into Sagittarius and your communication corner today and will linger there until December 10.*

39. Correct the mistake in the statement (underline what is wrong and write the right variant in brackets): The principle of total accountability revolves about using the sample corpus to test the hypothesis (\_\_\_\_\_).

40. Underline space builders in the following sentence:

At his inauguration in 2017, U.S. President Donald Trump promised to “Make America Great Again”.