

Unit 3 - Week 1: Introduction to Language

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Assignment 1

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.
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Due on 2019-03-13, 23:59 IST

1) Descriptive grammar can be defined as:

- strict rules according to which language must be constructed.
- the set of rules or principles that govern the way people actually use language.
- the rules according to which a language is described.
- All of the above.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

the set of rules or principles that govern the way people actually use language.

2) Everett describes the Piraha as being a very literal - minded people. They have no creation myths. They do not tell fictional stories. They do not believe assertions made by others about past events unless the speaker has direct knowledge of the events or knows someone who does. This description explains why Piraha lack:

- Generativity
- Discreteness
- Semanticity
- Recursion

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Recursion

3) Which of the following properties of language gives us syntactic rules that specify the permissible sequences of constituents in a language:

- Phonology
- Morphology
- Phrase Structure
- Linguistic Productivity

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Phrase Structure

4) Which one of the following statements is false?

- Changing phonemes can never affect the meaning of the word.
- A diphthong is a type of vowel which is a combination of two vowel sounds.
- Different forms of the same phoneme are called Allophones.
- None of the above.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Changing phonemes can never affect the meaning of the word.

5) Which one of the below statement is true in reference to a study in which Savage-Rumbaugh had raised a chimp named Panpanzee & a bonobo named Panbanisha, starting from infancy, in a language rich environment?

- In reference to communication, performances of both the apes were found to be similar.
- In reference to communication, performances of the two apes were found to be different, mainly due to the differences between the environments in which they were raised.
- In reference to communication, performances of the two apes were found to be different, mainly due to the biological / genetic differences between the species.
- Nothing could be concluded from the experiment.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

In reference to communication, performances of the two apes were found to be different, mainly due to the biological / genetic differences between the species.

6) Which one of the following statements is true?

- In various research studies whenever Chimpanzees were taught language, they were found to be better at learning vocalisations and very poor at picking up sign language.
- The only way children learn language is by mimicking the behaviour of the adult caregivers.
- In reference to producing and understanding language, apes and monkeys provide useful comparison to humans because they are mammals.
- None of the above.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

None of the above.

7) _____ is also known as voice box.

- Pharynx
- Larynx
- Epiglottis
- Broca

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Larynx

8) Which of the following factors are found to be contributing to language evolution:

- Individual Learning
- Cultural Transmission
- Biological Evolution
- All of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

All of the above

9) In a study conducted by medical doctors, a volunteer was injected with curare which paralysed the throat muscles. Which of the following was concluded out of the experiment?

- thinking capability of humans is the same as moving the speech muscles
- thinking capability of humans are not dependent on throat muscles.
- thinking capability of humans is dependent on throat muscles.
- None of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

thinking capability of humans are not dependent on throat muscles.

10) Which of the following statement is false?

- Language can affect the way we perceive colours.
- Language can make some aspects of reasoning easy or difficult.
- Both language and thought can exist independent of each other.
- Severe mental limitations cripple the ability to use language.

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

Severe mental limitations cripple the ability to use language.

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