Third Semester MA Syriac (Private Registration) Multiple Choice Questions

SY010302: General Linguistic	cs with Special Refer	ence to Syriac Language
------------------------------	-----------------------	-------------------------

1. According to, language may be defined as the expression of thought by means of speech-sounds					
(a). Henry Sweet c. Edward Sapir	b. No				
2. According to anthro	pologist, lang	uage is	s a form of cu	ıltural	••••
a. behaviourc. structure		ication	L		
3 is the best mean	s of self-expre	ssion.			
a. Symbol	b. Thought		c. Sign		d. Language
4. Language is the outo	come of and	d conv	ention.		
a. dynamic	b. evolution	1	c. arbitratio	n	d. intinction
5. Human language is .	whereas ani	mal co	mmunication	systei	m is inherited
a. earned b. possessed c. acquired d. wanted					
6. Animal communication system is					
a. repetitive b.	symbolic	c. syl	nonym	d. rec	current
7. The word 'linguistic	s' is derived fi	rom	language.		
a. Greek	b. Latin		c. Italian		d. Spanish
8. Etymologically, ling	guistics is the	stu	dy of languag	ge	
a. systematic	b. symbolic		c. significar	nt	d. scientific
9 is the study of spe	ech process.				
a. Morphemes	b. Siş	gns	c. Phonetics	d. S	Statics
10. What is the study	of the moveme	ent of t	he speech org	gans?	
a. acrostic phone	etic	b. art	iculatory pho	netics	
c. acoustic phon	etics	d. au	ditory phonet	ics	
11. Morphology is the	of word				
a. grammar	b. science		c. system		d. study

12 are made up	p of phonemes		
a. Phonetic	s b. Syntax	c. Morphemes	d. Sentences
13. Linguistics is	the branch of ar	nthropology	
a. cultural	b. symmetric	c. systematic d.	arbitrariness
14. Comparative	and historical lingu	nistics is said to hav	e begun in
a. 1768	b. 1876	c. 16	78 d. 1786
15. A study of a la	anguage in a given	time is called as	
a. synchron	y b. static	c. diachrony	y d. semiotic
16. Which is the	largest in language	family?	
a. Indo-Am	nerican b. Dravid	lian c. Indo -Eu	ropean d. Semetic
17. Latin, Greek a Proto-Indo-Eu		aughter languages o	of the parent language
a. Sanskrit	b. Syriac	c. Arabic	d. Hebrew
18. Who is the au	thor of <i>Sabdanus</i>	sasāna.	
a. Sapir	b. Chomsky	c. Ramanujan	d. Hemachandra
19. With whom Ir	ndian linguistic scie	ence reached its defi	nite form?
a. Radhaka	nta b. Patanjali	c. Kali Krishna	d. Sethupathi
20. The is the li	ittle box that is pop	ularly called the Ad	lam's apple.
a. larynx	b. syntax	c. sign	d. dynamic
21. The major role phonation.	e of the is that o	of a vibrator in the p	production of voice or
a. tongue	b. uvula c. vo	cal cord d. pa	alatine arch
22. There are two	kinds of diphthong	s. Which are they?	
_	& Centring & Opening	b. Opening & Cend. Opening & Clo	•
23. "Phonology is this?	s the organisation of	f sounds into patteri	ns." Whose statement is
a. Sapir	b. Noam	c. Saussure d. Ble	oomfield

24 is the grammar of sentence.
a. Phonetic b. Syntax c. Morphemes d. Larynx
25 How many morphemes are there in "telephones"?
a. 3 b. 4 c. 2 d. 5
26. A morpheme has been called 'a grammatical moneme' by
a. Noam b. Sapir c. Martinet d. Bloomfield
27. The word syntax is derived from
a. Latin b. Hebrew c. Sanskrit d. Greek
28. Aspects of the <i>theory of Syntsaw</i> ritten by a. Noam Chomsky b. Edward Sapir c. Ferdinand de Saussure d. Bloomfield
29. Who used the terms langue and parole?
a. Sapir b. Saussure c. Chomsky d. Bloomfield
30. Why linguistic is scientific?
a. because of its methods and analysisb. each component can be analysed and studiedc. because of its objectivity d. all of the above
31. Which is the smallest unit in a language?
a. syntax b. morpheme c. discourse d. sound
32. The minimal meaningful unit is
a. syntax b. morpheme c. syllable d. sound
33 is the part of linguistics relating to the study of relationship between language and cultural behaviour.
a. Socio-linguisticb. Psycholinguisticsc. Enthno linguisticd. Neuro-linguistic
34. Synchronic and diachronic approaches were introduced by a. Chomsky b. Saussure c. Bloomfield d. Sapir
35. According to Saussure the rule or the system that forms a language is a. performance b. langue c. parole d. synchronicity

36. Where are the vocal cords s a. in the roof of the mout c. in the lungs d. in the	h b. in the larynx
37. The voiced sounds are prod a. vocal cords vibrate c. air goes freely	
38. In the word 'Eight', the ini	tial sound is
a. /e/ b. /ai/	c. /ei/ d. /i/
-	alike, but differ in meaning is called b. Lexeme c. Allophone d. Phonics
40. The word with one syllable a. Monophthong c. Monosyllable	b. Monometer
41. How many diphthongs are in a. 8 b. 12 c. 20	_
0 0	g statement is not true? communication b. language is symbolic d. language is the only means of communication
43. Which among the followin	g is not of characteristics feature of language?
a. systematic	b. arbitrary c. dynamic d. instinctive
44. Find out the odd one out of a. Ferdinand de Saussure c. Leonard Bloomfield	b. Edward Sapir
45. Language is never static. It called	goes on changing. This property of language is
a. dynamic b. recursive	ness c. displacement d. transference

46 is the totality of the speech habits of an individual.a. Dialect b. Register c. Idiolects d. Slang
47. The study of the changes in language over a span of time is called a. synchronic b. diachronic c. semiotic d. onomatopoeic
48. The systematic study of signs is called a. semiotics b. semiology c. neither a nor b d. both a & b
49. A person who can use two languages is called a. biolingual b. bilingual c. duo-lingual d. duo-lingual
50. The term semiotics was introduced by a. Charles Sanders Pierce b. Chomsky c. Edward Sapir d. Saussure
51. Who introduced in linguistics the concept of competence and performance a. Pierce b. Noam c. Bloomfield d. Sapir
52 refers to the linguistic norm specific to a geographical area, social class or status affecting mutual intelligibility.
a. Dialect b. Register c. Idiolect d. Slang
53. The initial sound in the word <i>thin</i> s a a. alveolar b. dental c. glottal d. velar
54. What is a free morpheme? a. the smallest sound unit b. a morpheme that cannot stand alone c. morpheme that can stand on its own d. it is a kind of affixation
55. The theory of transformation and generative was proposed by a. Sapir b. Bloomfield c. Chomsky d. Max
56. The number of nasal sounds in English is a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. 5

57. The study of s	igns is called		
a. syntax	b. semiology	c. phonology	d. morphology
	_	proach to language ative c. diachro	
59. Which of thes a. syntax		nd feature of a lang	uage? nic d. semantics
	s attached at the b b. suffix c. ir	eginning of a root v	vord is called ound morpheme
61 is concern	ned with understan	ding the fundamen	tal nature of language.
a. Applied l c. Theoreti	linguistics cal Linguistics	J	
62. What is lexico	graphy?		
a. Formatio c. Acrostic	n of phrase style of writing	b. Making a dict d. Studying class	
63. The words wh	nich differ only in	one phoneme is	
a. syntax	b. syllable c. st	ress d. minima	l pairs
64. What can be can be can consonant can be		of a syllable? liphthong one of the above	
65. The rounded v	vowels are classifi	ed on the basis of	
a. the positic. part of the	on of lips e tongue descende	_	he tongue raised is accented
66. Identify a sub	ordinating conjunc	ction among the fol	lowing
a. and	b. but	c. since	d. yet

67 is the scientific study of	of language.	
a. Philology b. Phoneti	cs c. Phonology	d. Linguistics
68. Words composed of two different are called	or more elements that	are identical or slightly
a. re-duplicate b. du	iplicate c. acronym	d. conversation
69. The classification of vowe	ls into close vowels ar	nd open vowels is based on
a. position of the lipsc. the height to which the		
70. The classification of vow based on	els into half-close vov	vels and half-open vowels is
a. the height to which thec. position of the lips	•	o. part of tongue that is raised
71 is the system of phon devised by the Internati	•	-
a. International Phonetic. Intelligible Phonetic	•	-
72. The IPA came into existe	nce in the year	
a. 1889 b. 18	398 c. 1789	1798
73. The pronunciation of Eng public schools came to		educated people at the
a. standard English	b. received pr	onunciation
c. standard pronunciation	n d. recognized	pronunciation
74. Which among the followi classified?	ng dimensions can the	vowels in English be
a. the position of lipsc. height of tongue rais		sed
75. According to the position	of lips vowels can be	divided into
a. round & unround vov	vels b. front & bac	ck vowels

	c. High & Low vow	els d. Tense & lax vowels
76.	The 'ing' in sleepin	$oldsymbol{g}$ an example of \dots
	-	b. free variation d. none of these
77.	How many classes of	morphemes can be identified in a language?
	a. one	c. three d. four
78.	is concerned with language.	the selection and organization of speech sounds in a
	a. Phonology	o. Semantics c. Morphology d. Syntax
79.	refers to the phen	omenon of pauses in speech.
	a. Pitch	o. Stress c. Juncture d. Intonation
80.	refers to significa	ant changes of pitch and stress pertaining to sentences.
	a. Pitch	o. Stress c. Juncture d. Intonation
81.	is the accent on o	certain words within the sentence.
	a. Semantics	o. Sentence-stress c. Syntax d. None of these
82.	The word 'banks' in institutions' is called	'on the banks of the river' and 'banks are financial a
		b. homophones d. homonyms
83.	-	n of the verb 'read' and its past-tense form 'read' as 'red' is in an example of
	a. allophonesc. homographs	b. homophones d. homonyms
84.	Syllables in which the	consonant functions as nucleus are called
	a. syllabic consonar	nts b. suffixes c. sibilants d. prefixes
85.	are also called sec	ondary phonemes
	a. Suprasegmentals c. Morphemes	b. Allomorphsd. Allophones

86 is the degree of force with which a sound of syllable is uttered.	
a. Pitch b. Juncture c. Stress d. Intonation	
87. Stress is used for the sake of	
a. emphasis b. double meaning c. loudness d. above all	
88. How many stresses are generally marked?	
a. One b. Two c. Three d. Four	
89. The consonant / s is called	
a. sibilant b. nasal c. lateral d. semi-vowel	
90. / p/ and / are called	
a. sibilant b. nasal c. lateral d. semi-vowel	
91. How many nasal sounds are there in English language?	
a. One b. Two c. Three d. Four	
92. The consonants /j/ and /w/ are called	
a. sibilant b. trill c. lateral d. semi-vowel	
93. The term is used to designate words which are spelt differently but pronounced alike and which are different in meaning.	
a. allophones b. homophones c. homographs d. homonyms	
94. Assimilation is mainly of type(s).	
a. four b. two c. three d. one	
95. The voiced sound /z/ denoting the plural morpheme in the word 'dogs' is a example of assimilation	ın
a. progressive b. regressive c. reciprocal d. none of these above	⁄e
96. The American pronunciation of the word 'issue' is an instance of type assimilation	of
a. progressive b. regressive c. reciprocal d. none of thes	se
97 are articulated by raising the front of the tongue towards the hard palat	te
a. Post-alveolar b. Palatal c. Palate-alveolar d. Velar	

98. are sounds articulated in the glottis.
a. Glottal b. Palatal c. Velar d. None of these
99. The initial sounds in the words 'ship', 'church' and 'judge' are examples for

a. palato-alveolar b. velar
c. palatal d. dental

100. The study of meaning is called

a. phonology
b. syntax
c. semantics
d. morphology

Answer Key

Qn. No. Answer

Qn	. N	lo.
	'	

1	(a). Henry Sweet
	(a) Behaviour
3	` '
4	(d). Language
4	(b). Evolution
5	(c). Acquired
6	(a). Repetitive
7	(b). Latin
8	(d). Scientific
9	(c). Phonetics
10	(b). Articulatory phonetics
11	(a). Grammar
12	(c). Morphemes
13	(a). Cultural
14	(d). 1786
15	(a). Synchrony
16	(c). Indo-European
17	(a). Sanskrit
18	(d). Hemachandra
19	(b). Patanjali
20	(a). Larynx
21	(c). Vocal cord
22	(a). Closing & Centring
23	(d). Bloomfield
24	(b). Syntax
25	(a). 3
26	(c). Martinet
27	(d). Greek
28	(a). Noam Chomsky
29	(d). Bloomfield
30	(d). all of the above
31	(b). Morpheme
32	(b). Morpheme
33	(c). enthno linguistic
34	(b). Saussure
35	(b). Langue
36	(b). In the larynx
37	(a). vocal cords vibrate
38	(c). /ei/

39 (a). Homograph 40 (c). monosyllable	
40 (c). monosyllable	
41 (a). 8	
42 (d). language is the only	
means of communication	
43 (d). instinctive	
44 (d). Herman Gundert	
45 (a). dynamic	
46 (b). register	
47 (b). diachronic	
48 (d). Both a & b	
49 (b). bilingual	
50 (a). Charles Sanders Pierce	j
51 (b). Noam	
52 (a). diaect	
53 (b). dental	
54 (c). a morpheme that can	
stand on its own	
55 (c). Chomsky	
56 (b). 3	
57 (b). semiology	
58 (c). diachronic	
59 (b). phonetic substances	
60 (a). prefix	
61 (c). theoretical linguistics	
62 (b). making a dictionary	
63 (d). minimal pairs	
64 (c). vowel	
65 (a). the position of lips	
66 (c). since	
67 (d). linguistics	
68 (a). re-duplicate	
69 (c). the height to which	
tongue is raised.	
70 (a). the height to which	
tongue is raised	
71 (b). International Phonetic	
Alphabet	
72 (a).1889	

Answ

72	(b) received propunciation
73	(b). received pronunciation
74	(a). the position of lips
75	(a). round & unround
	vowels
76	(c). bound morpheme
77	(b). two
78	(a). phonology
79	(c). juncture
80	(d). intonation
81	(b). sentence-stress
82	(c). homographs
83	(d). homonyms
84	(a). syllabic consonants
85	(a). suprasegmentals
86	(c). stress

87	(a). emphasis
88	(b). two
89	(a). sibilant
90	(b). nasal
91	(c). three
92	(d). semi-vowel
93	(b). homophones
94	(c). three
95	(a). progressive
96	(b). regressive
97	(b). Palatal
98	(a). Glottal
99	(a). palato-aveolar
100	(c). semantics