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**Entrance Examinations 2024****PhD English Language Studies**

Time: 2 hours

Maximum marks: 70

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- There are 10 pages and two parts to this question paper - Part A and Part B.
  - Part B is divided into two sections.
  - Part A and Section I of Part B (questions 1-55) should be answered in the OMR sheet.
  - Section II of Part B should be answered in the separate answer booklet provided.
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**PART A**  
**RESEARCH METHODS**  
(35 marks)

Answer the following questions in the OMR sheet

1. If a test accurately indicates a learner's scores on a future criterion (e.g., perseverance), what type of validity is this?
  - A. Content
  - B. Concurrent
  - C. Face
  - D. Predictive
2. In second language research, piloting is done to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. identify potential problem areas
  - B. justify the test results
  - C. identify the research gap
  - D. triangulate the findings
3. In language research, a measure of consistency over time and over similar samples is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. reliability
  - B. validity
  - C. ethics
  - D. research gap
4. The average length of an abstract in a thesis is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 300 – 500 words
  - B. 500 – 1000 words
  - C. 1000 – 1500 words
  - D. 1500 – 2000 words

5. If a research study has video recordings of interaction, field notes, photographs of texts, and artefacts as part of the data, what would be the best approach to analyze the data?
- Interaction Analysis
  - Multimodal Analysis
  - Narrative Analysis
  - Exploratory Factor Analysis
6. The best way to elicit information about motivation and attitude for language learning is through \_\_\_\_\_.
- a diagnostic test
  - an achievement test
  - a questionnaire
  - a writing sample
7. Which of these samples falls into the category of probability sampling?
- Convenience sample
  - Random sample
  - Non-random sample
  - Snowball sample
8. Identify the independent variables in the following statement.  
'Learners taught by a combination of two methods learned English grammar better than those who were taught by one method.'
- learners
  - two methods
  - one method
  - Learning English grammar
- i and ii
  - i and iv
  - ii and iii
  - ii and iv
9. Which of the following features is NOT a part of the quantitative research setting?
- relies on numeric data
  - adopts a problem-solving approach
  - pays more attention to the objective aspects of human behaviour
  - pays more attention to the subjective aspects of human behaviour
10. Triangulation in research means \_\_\_\_\_.
- using one method for data collection on the topic
  - using more than one method for data collection on the topic
  - using one method to choose the sample for data collection
  - using more than one method to choose the sample for data collection
11. The main purpose of introduction in a research article is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- set the stage for the study
  - provide a state-of-the-art review of the field of study
  - clarify the myths in the field of study
  - both A and B.

12. What is often termed non-traditional data in Applied Linguistics?
- data collected using poor sampling practices
  - data collected using unreliable instruments
  - data that was carelessly keyed in or managed
  - data that cannot be analyzed using familiar statistical models
13. According to the APA style of referencing a journal article, which is the correct sequence of various bibliographical elements, if A is the author of the article, B is the title of the journal, C is the title of the article, D is the year of publication and E is the page numbers of the article?
- ABCDE
  - ADCBE
  - ADBCE
  - ACBDE
14. Critical ethnographic research is a study of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a culture or a group through participation and close observation
  - the power relations in a group by observation and participation
  - the impact of intervention on a group of participants through close observation
  - the changes a cultural group goes through in the course of time through participation
15. Which of the following sampling procedures is the right way to get a simple random sample?
- randomly picking a city and then choosing all the schools in the city
  - numbering all the schools and then using a random number generator to pick schools
  - listing schools by constituencies and choosing a proportion from within each constituency randomly
  - choosing volunteer schools to participate
16. Informed consent in language research implies that the participants \_\_\_\_\_.
- participate voluntarily/ comprehend the nature of the project /have full information
  - participate voluntarily/ comprehend the nature of the project /sympathise with the cause of the researcher
  - sympathise with the cause of the researcher / comprehend the nature of the project /have full information
  - participate voluntarily/ sympathise with the cause of the researcher /have full information
17. In the case of research ethics, anonymity and confidentiality are concepts related to \_\_\_\_\_.
- identity of the researcher
  - identity of the participants
  - interest of the researcher
  - interest of the participants



18. Which of the following research methods follows the bottom-up research approach?
- A. Inductive method
  - B. Deductive method
  - C. Exploratory method
  - D. Experimental method
19. Match the following:
- |      |                   |                           |
|------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| i.   | Objective reality | x. mixed methods research |
| ii.  | Insider meaning   | y. quantitative research  |
| iii. | Triangulation     | z. qualitative research   |
- A. i-y; ii-z; iii-x
  - B. i-x; ii-y; iii-z
  - C. i-z; ii-x; iii-y
  - D. i-z; ii-y; iii-x
20. Mutually exclusive characteristics like sex and eye colour can be measured by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. exclusive scale
  - B. ordinal scale
  - C. ratio scale
  - D. nominal scale
21. The standard deviation gives us information on the extent to which a set of scores varies in relation to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Mode
  - B. Median
  - C. Mean
  - D. Coefficient
22. Which of the following are the prime features of ethnography?
- i. Central importance to context
  - ii. Identifying causal relations
  - iii. Hypothesizing followed by data collection
  - iv. Generalizing from samples to population
- A. i and iii
  - B. ii and iii
  - C. iii and iv
  - D. i and iv
23. Which of the following is a disadvantage of online questionnaires?
- A. are cost-effective
  - B. gain immediate online access to data from a large number of participants
  - C. raise the level of honesty in responses due to the scope for anonymity
  - D. are amenable only for non-random sampling

Read the following text and answer the questions from 24 to 28:

<sup>1</sup>Although washback has been widely explored by applied linguists and education researchers, little attention has been paid to teacher agency in relation to it. <sup>2</sup>It is critical to understand how language teachers navigate their pedagogy and respond to the broader curricular goals at a time when schools and teachers are being governed using examination and test data as accountability mechanisms. <sup>3</sup>Drawing on data from classroom observations and interviews with two English teachers from a rural Bangladeshi school, this article illustrates how these teachers exercised their agency even under strong political pressure to improve students' test data. <sup>4</sup>The findings indicate that traditional understanding of washback as deterministic may be insufficient to account for the complex ways in which teachers may respond to broader educational goals in the context of washback. <sup>5</sup>The study concludes with theoretical, empirical, and pedagogic implications for washback research and teacher education.

(Ali, M. M., & Hamid, M. O. 2023)

24. Which sentence in the text indicates the gap for the study reported in the text?  
A. Sentence 1  
B. Sentence 2  
C. Sentence 3  
D. Sentence 4
25. The research design used in the study reported in the text is \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.  
A. quantitative  
B. qualitative  
C. mixed methods  
D. multiple-case study
26. The text given above constitutes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a part of the introduction  
B. a part of the conclusion  
C. the abstract of a research paper  
D. the discussion of a research paper
27. Washback in the text above refers to the process by which \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. teacher decisions influence assessment practices  
B. assessment practices influence teaching/learning practices  
C. assessment practices influence policy decisions  
D. assessment practices influence curriculum and syllabus design practices
28. Which sentence in the text makes a cautious statement of the content?  
A. Sentences 1 and 5  
B. Only sentence 2  
C. Sentences 3 and 5  
D. Only Sentence 4

29. Read the text below and say which of the following it includes.  
The main area of research in the present thesis is whether multimedia technology can successfully explain the literary symbols that a human teacher, even with the help of other media, fails to explain and whether multimedia technology can help distance learners on their own.  
(Andrews, R. 2003:26)
- A. Research hypothesis
  - B. Research objectives
  - C. Research questions
  - D. All of the above
30. Which of the following is amenable for theory-testing?
- A. Exploratory research
  - B. Experimental research
  - C. Case-study research
  - D. Survey research
31. Which section/chapter of a research report restates the claim of the study in order to provide evidence to support and build it as argument?
- A. Literature review
  - B. Introduction
  - C. Results
  - D. Discussion
32. Why are the ideas of others cited in the Methods section/chapter?
- A. To support the claims made
  - B. To justify the methodological decisions made in the study
  - C. To compare the findings of one's study with those of the others
  - D. To avoid plagiarism and give due credit to the scholars
33. The methodological choice of a quantitative approach to research is determined by \_\_\_\_.
- A. the belief that there exists one reality out there
  - B. the belief that there exist multiple realities out there
  - C. the belief that episteme needs to be objective and impersonal
  - D. the belief that episteme can become axiological only through quantitative means
34. The term, H-Index or G-Index represents the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. citations of a published article
  - B. independent variables in a research study
  - C. relationships between variables
  - D. reliability coefficient
35. In a study examining the relationship between linguistic and stylistic features of conference abstracts and the ratings they received from reviewers they found that abstract length (measured in the total number of words) correlated fairly well with abstract ratings and  $r = 0.38$ . How do we interpret this reading?
- A. The higher the number of words, the higher the ratings
  - B. The higher the number of words, the lower the ratings
  - C. The lower the number of words, the higher the ratings
  - D. The lower the number of words, the less stylistic features



**Part B**  
**Section I**  
**Content Questions**  
**(20 marks)**

Answer the following in the **OMR** sheet

36. PPP is associated with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. grammar-translation method
  - B. CLT
  - C. direct method
  - D. audio-lingual method
37. Teaching-learning cycle is premised on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Bruner's theory of constructivism
  - B. Vygotsky's ZPD
  - C. Piaget's theory of cognitive development
  - D. Kolb's theory of experiential learning
38. Which of the following is an example of pedagogical grammar?
- A. Cambridge English Grammar in Use (Raymond Murphy)
  - B. Longman Grammar of Written and Spoken English (Biber, et. al)
  - C. Cambridge Grammar of English: A Comprehensive Guide (Carter & McCarthy)
  - D. A Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language (Quirk, et. al.)
39. Take-home assignment is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. assessment for learning
  - B. assessment of learning
  - C. assessment as learning
  - D. assessment beyond learning
40. Which of the following is an example of low-stakes tests?
- A. National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)
  - B. Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)
  - C. Classroom-based Tests
  - D. Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE)
41. TESOL stands for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Teaching English as Second and Other Languages
  - B. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
  - C. Teaching English for Specific and Own Languages
  - D. Teaching English as Specific and Occupational languages
42. Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) is concerned with critiquing the texts for the way discourse \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. serves those with power
  - B. uses discriminatory language
  - C. categorizes speech functions
  - D. brings language awareness to the reader

43. Which of the following is NOT a metafunction of language, according to Halliday's Functional Grammar?
- A. Ideational
  - B. Interpersonal
  - C. Metaphorical
  - D. Textual
44. The relationship between house and kitchen can be described as \_\_\_\_ sense relationship.
- A. synonymous
  - B. antonymous
  - C. meronymous
  - D. hyponymous
45. In generative grammar, the more complex a phonological rule is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the higher the number of features necessary to write the rule
  - B. the more likely that the rule is predictable
  - C. the lesser the number of features necessary to write the rule
  - D. the more generalized the rule is across languages
46. Which of the following is not an active articulator?
- A. tongue blade
  - B. lower lip
  - C. alveolar ridge
  - D. tongue root
47. Which of the following is an endocentric compound?
- A. wheelchair
  - B. legroom
  - C. writer-director
  - D. birdbrain
48. "Comprehensive input" formed the cornerstone of the theory of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Ivan Pavlov
  - B. Henry Sweet
  - C. Stephen Krashen
  - D. Canal and Swain
49. Synchronic and diachronic linguistics can be related to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. descriptive and historical linguistics
  - B. corpus and core linguistics
  - C. critical and functional linguistics
  - D. historical and computational linguistics
50. Choose the cluster that lists the Creole varieties mentioned from least to most prestigious.
- A. Basilect - Mesolect - Acrolect
  - B. Basilect - Acrolect - Mesolect
  - C. Mesolect - Basilect - Acrolect
  - D. Acrolect - Basilect - Mesolect



51. Brij Kachru categorises World Englishes as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the expanding circle, the outer circle, the inner circle
  - B. the extending circle, the elaborating circle, the native language circle
  - C. the expanding circle, the outer circle, the immediate circle
  - D. the foreign language circle, the exterior circle, the inner circle
52. In the context of English education, Michael West is known for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. bilingual education
  - B. translingual education
  - C. monolingual education
  - D. multilingual education
53. Questioning the possibility of the 'transcendental signified' is the basic philosophy of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. structuralism
  - B. behaviorism
  - C. cognitivism
  - D. deconstruction
54. \_\_\_\_\_ hypothesis states that 'Linguistic structure and/or behaviour may either influence or determine social structure or worldview'.
- A. Whorfian
  - B. Affective Filter
  - C. Language and worldview
  - D. Krashen's
55. Identify the number of noun phrases, verb phrases, and complementizers in the following sentence \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'The house owner stated that the police knew that the thieves injured the pet dog'.*
- A. 4-3-2
  - B. 3-4-3
  - C. 3-3-2
  - D. 3-3-4

**Part B**  
**SECTION II**  
**ESSAY QUESTIONS**  
**(15 marks)**

Write your answer in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write an essay on **any one** of the following, giving suitable examples wherever necessary.

1. In the age of AI and large language models, discuss the role of English language teachers with respect to task design, materials writing and assessment.
2. Explain your proposed research idea in terms of its significance, research gap, research questions, scope, methods of data collection and analysis and the timeline of completion.
3. Grammar is a resource for making meaning rather than a set of rules for producing well-formed sentences. Discuss.
4. Do you agree that multilingual teaching has always been part of English Teaching in India? Justify your stance.
5. Can the task-based teaching method be the ideal method to teach English in the Indian context? Give justification and argue out your stance.
6. Discuss clearly how you would teach English language through a literary text with examples.
7. How do the fields of semantics and pragmatics contribute to understanding meaning? Are they interdependent or independent fields of study? Justify with suitable examples.
8. Compare and contrast teaching English as a Foreign Language and teaching English as a Second Language.
9. How can we develop critical thinking skills in English language classrooms? Would that need a different set of materials? Explain.
10. What are the best ways to improve the speaking and writing skills of ESL learners in and outside the classroom?

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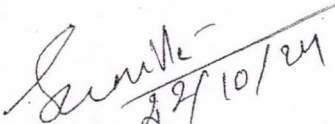
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1	D	26	C	51	A
2	A	27	B	52	A
3	A	28	D	53	D
4	A	29	C	54	A
5	B	30	B	55	A
6	C	31	D	56	
7	B	32	B	57	
8	C	33	A	58	
9	D	34	A	59	
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11	A	36	D	61	
12	D	37	B	62	
13	B	38	A	63	
14	B	39	A	64	
15	B	40	C	65	
16	A	41	B	66	
17	B	42	A	67	
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