

# 汕头大学 2018 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 SIX of the following terms and explain them according to your linguistic knowledge. (30 points: 5 points for each)**

1. arbitrariness
2. morpheme
3. inflection
4. derivation
5. assimilation
6. paradigmatic relation
7. reference
8. sense
9. interlanguage
10. conceptual meaning

### **II. Answer the following questions with your linguistic knowledge (20 points: 4 points for each):**

1. Identify the difference between *a greenhouse* and *a green house*, and the difference between *a sleeping car* and *a sleeping baby*.
2. What are the three metafunctions of language according to Halliday?
3. What is the illocution of A's utterance in the following brief encounter?  
A: You are in a non-smoking zone, sir.  
B: Thanks (extinguishing the cigarette).
4. What are the three dimensions that a speech act consists of?
5. Why is it said that the language system is unique to human beings?

**Part Two: British and American Literature (50 points)**

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

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| 1. modernism         | 2. climax |
| 3. round character   | 4. sonnet |
| 5. Marxist criticism |           |

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

**I Sit and Look Out**

*by* Walt Whitman

I sit and look out upon all the sorrows of the world, and upon all oppression and shame,

I hear secret convulsive sobs from young men at anguish with themselves, remorseful after deeds done,

I see in low life the mother misused by her children, dying, neglected, gaunt, desperate,

I see the wife misused by her husband, I see the treacherous seducer of young women,

I mark the ranklings of jealousy and unrequited love attempted to be hid, I see these sights on the earth,

I see the workings of battle, pestilence, tyranny, I see martyrs and prisoners,

I observe a famine at sea, I observe the sailors casting lots who shall be kill'd to preserve the lives of the rest,

I observe the slights and degradations cast by arrogant persons upon laborers, the poor, and upon negroes, and the like;

All these --- all the meanness and agony without end I sitting look out upon,

See, hear, and am silent.

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**III. 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)**

### **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. The American Declaration of Independence
2. Pearl Harbour Attack
3. Gilded Age
4. The Anglo-Saxon settlement
5. Anglican Church
6. Central Canada

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

1. Against what background did the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washing, D.C. take place?
2. What do you know about the two major political parties in Britain?
3. What are the three Oceans Canada borders by?
4. What are the major political parties in Canada?
5. Why did the Australian government enter World War I?