

THE CORRECTION OF THE FIRST SEMESTER EXAM (2025/2026)

Level: Master 1

Module: Foreign Language

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I/ Read the text carefully, and then answer the questions

Linguistics is the scientific investigation of language as a universal phenomenon as well as the investigation of individual languages. It aims to answer questions about the nature of language, its structure, and its relationship with the human mind and society. Also, through the examination of linguistic structures (i.e., the ways in which expression is organized and meaning is formed for communication), it examines the possibility of the formulation of standard rules for all languages. In order to achieve the latter, it employs empirical data, establishes linguistic principles, and uses appropriate methodological tools.

It is important to add that linguists focus on the description and interpretation of linguistic phenomena without intervening, evaluating, or having a prescriptive view; linguistics is a descriptive rather than a prescriptive science. Today, the scientific study of language might take place in an interdisciplinary manner; namely, linguistics borrows theories and methodological tools from other sciences, such as psychology (psycholinguistics), philosophy (philosophy of language), anthropology (linguistic anthropology), philology (orthography), law (forensic linguistics), medicine (clinical linguistics), biology (cognitive linguistics), sociology (sociolinguistics), informatics (computational linguistics), and mathematics (quantitative linguistics). Also, the science of linguistics is often divided into general/theoretical linguistics, which studies the structure and the functions of language to formulate theories, and applied linguistics, which applies general/theoretical linguistic theories to provide solutions to real-life problems.

Section One: Text Comprehension and Analysis

(10 Pts)

1/- Choose the right answer.

The text is:

- (a) Newspaper article
- (b) A popular science blog.
- (c) Academic article extract. ✓

2/- What is linguistics?

Linguistics is the scientific investigation of language as a universal phenomenon as well as the investigation of individual languages.

3/- What is the main goal of Linguistics?

The main goal of Linguistics is to answer questions about the nature of language, its structure, and its relationship with the human mind and society.

4/- Why is linguistics considered an "interdisciplinary" field?

Linguistics is considered an "interdisciplinary" field because it borrows theories and methodological tools from other fields such as psychology, philosophy, anthropology, and more.

5/- Is linguistics a prescriptive science?

Not, it is not.

6/ Find words or phrases in the text (Second paragraph) that correspond to the following definitions.

Example: It is the statistical and mathematical study of language structure, use, and change.

Term: Quantitative linguistics.

a- The study of the relationship between language and the mind, focusing on how we acquire, produce, and understand language.

Term: Psycholinguistics.

b- The application of linguistic theory and methods to the law, often involving the analysis of legal texts, speaker identification, or authorship attribution.

Term: Forensic linguistics.

c- The study of how language functions in society, examining variation in language use based on social factors like class, gender, and ethnicity.

Term: Sociolinguistics.

d- The study of language using computational methods, often involving the modeling of natural language for applications like speech recognition or machine translation.

Term: Computational linguistics.

e- The scientific study of language.

Term: Linguistics.

II- Provide a word from the text that is closest in meaning to the following:

(02 pts)

Goal = Aim.

Study = investigation.

III- Provide a word or concept from the text that is most nearly **opposite** to the following:

(02 pts)

Theoretical ≠ Applied

Descriptive ≠ prescriptive

IV- Translate the following terms into Arabic.

(04 pts)

English	بالعربية
Source language	اللغة المصدر / لغة المصدر / اللغة المنقول منها
Interdisciplinary	متداخل التخصصات (الحقول المعرفية)
Journal	مجلة علمية
Literal translation	ترجمة حرفية
Equivalence	التكافؤ
Register	السجل اللغوي
Literary Translation	الترجمة الأدبية
Foreignization	التغريب / الإبقاء على غرابة النص

V- Translate the following passage into Arabic:

(02 pts)

”Linguistics is the scientific investigation of language as a universal phenomenon as well as the investigation of individual languages. It aims to answer questions about the nature of language, its structure, and its relationship with the human mind and society”.

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