

46. ----- attacks the simplification, reduction and admixture of a creole which occurred during pidginization.

- a. Decreolization
- b. Creolization

47. ----- means that a particular community gradually abandons its original native language in favor of another language.

- a. Language death
- b. Language shift

48. Unfavorable attitudes towards languages or nonstandard varieties of languages can lead to Language / dialect death.

- a. True ✓
- b. False

49. Why is African American Variety of English different from White American English?

Because African American Vernacular is a combination between Swahili language and English language.

50. Explain why there is less English language variation in the U.S.A than in the U.K though the U.S.A is much larger than the U.K?

Because English was spoken and used in the U.K. for a long time before using it in the USA.

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≠ Creole languages :-  
are pidgins that have acquired native speakers.

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≠ Creolizations → world pidgins<sup>or</sup> at present  
undergoing a process of →

7. An idiolect is an individual's unique way of speaking.  
a. True ✓  
b. False.

8. The term *accent* is used to describe pronunciation differences only.

- a. True ✓
- b. False

9. A dialect continuum is a chain of mutually intelligible dialects of a language.

- a. True ✓
- b. False

10. Which of the following best describes the term *isogloss*?

- ~~a. Linguistic boundary~~
- b. physical boundary ✓

11. Dialectal variation can be in any aspect of a language -- in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, or lexicon.

- a. True ✓
- b. False

12. Did Labov's study of the speech of New Yorkers reveal that different social groups use different geographical dialects?

- a. Yes
- b. No ✓

Social

13. Which of the following characteristics is not likely to correlate with systematic variation in a language?

- a. Age
- b. Religion ✓
- c. Sex
- d. Skin color
- e. ethnicity

30. Differences in communicative rules between cultures can often lead, in cross-cultural communication, to \_\_\_\_\_

- a. misunderstanding ✓
- b. dialect variation
- c. dialect shift

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31. The study of these rules, and of cross-cultural differences in communicative norms generally, is often known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Ethnography
- b. Ethnology
- c. Ethnography of speaking ✓

32. Across the world, multilingualism is often regarded as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The rule and not the exception ✓
- b. The exception and not the rule.

33. Nearly all European countries contain indigenous linguistic minorities. ~~Iceland~~ is the only exception.

- a. England
- b. Romania
- c. Iceland ✓

The most multilingual in Europe is a Romanian  
19 other languages

34. The government's policies regarding selection of national or official language, language developing and standardizing are an examples of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Language planning ✓
- b. Language development.

35. The type of language planning, which decides which role is to be played by which language, is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Corpus planning.
- b. Status planning ✓

36. The type of language planning, which focuses on the linguistic characteristics of languages or varieties undergoing planning, is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Corpus planning ✓
- b. Status planning.

37. Swahili in East Africa, Hausa in West Africa, English or French in some African countries function as \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Pidgins
- b. Creoles
- c. Lingua francas ✓

Lane 422 (Sociolinguistics) Mock Examination

Name: .....

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Choose the correct answer:

1. Language serves as means for communicating information only.

a. True

b. False

2. In sociolinguistics, neither language nor dialect represents a clear-cut concept.

a. True

b. False

3. It is possible to state in linguistic terms where a dialect area ends and another begins exactly.

a. True

b. False

4. Mandarin and Cantonese are mutually intelligible varieties of Chinese language.

a. True

b. False

5. Norwegian, Swedish and Danish languages are *mutually intelligible* varieties of the same language.

a. True

b. False

6. Language variation is due to <sup>a</sup>geographical factors only.

a. True

b. False

② The social factor.