
SLA – Final Exam Sample Tasks, SoSe 2019

Chapter 1 and 2 – Introduction & Related Disciplines

1. Name feeder disciplines to SLA.
2. Write abbreviations such as TL in full and explain some of them.
3. Name linguistic areas that deal with important aspects of human language in SLA studies.
4. Interpret the two bilingual models or draw them.

Chapter 3 – SLA & FLL Data

5. Explain the comparative fallacy.
6. List recent empirical research approaches in SLA.
7. Analyse a given L2 data set and describe the learning process.

Chapter 5 – The Role of the L1

8. Explain the merits of the morpheme order studies, maybe interpret a graph.
9. Name recent concepts in language transfer.
10. Explain one recent concept in language transfer.
11. Explain Chomsky's notion of Universal Grammar.

Chapter 6 – Formal Approaches to SLA

12. Explain Chomsky's principle and parameter theory.
13. Name different theories about access to Universal Grammar after L1 acquisition.

Chapter 8 and 9 – Interlanguage

14. Explain Pienemann's Processability Theory.
15. With reference to a graph, explain U-shaped learning.
16. What is the purpose of Input Processing?
17. Explain the difference between explicit and implicit learning.
18. Explain Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development.

Chapter 10 – input – interaction – output

19. What benefits would pushed output have?
20. What is the general function of feedback?

Chapter 12 – Individual Differences

21. Name some Individual Differences.
22. With reference to a figure, explain anxiety.