Psycholinguistics

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1st Lecture

1. The terms: language and speech are:

- a. Synonymous to each other.
- b. Replaceable by each other.
- c. Defined by each other
- d. All false

2. Speech, writing and signals are considered as:

- a. Forms of language
- b. Alternatives for language
- c. Both
- d. Neither

3. There are individuals (e.g. infants) who can think but cannot produce language. This is a proof that:

- a. Thought is synonymous to language.
- b. Language is a part of thought.
- c. Thought is not synonymous to language.
- d. A and B

4. Are the terms language and communication synonymous?

- a. Always
- b. Never
- c. <u>Sometimes</u>
- d. All false

5. Language consists of the pair:

- a. (Signal, reply)
- b. (Signal, meaning)
- c. (Meaning, reply)
- d. (reply, response)

6. Limited number of phonemes, limited grammatical rules, and limited vocabulary items will leads to unlimited number of linguistics utterances. This proves that:

- a. Language is limited.
- b. Limitations are rare in languages.

- c. There is a linguistic creativity.
- d. A and B
- 7. People who teach language are interested in teaching a standardized use of language, the form of a language that is accepted in academic and business circles. This is an example of:
 - a. Prescriptive grammar
 - b. Descriptive grammar
 - c. Both
 - d. Neither
- 8. It describes how a certain language is_actually used by its native speakers. This is the:
 - a. Prescriptive grammar
 - b. Descriptive grammar
 - c. Both
 - d. Neither

9. <u>"Me and Nasser went to Dammam".</u> This is an example of:

- a. Prescriptive grammar
- b. <u>Descriptive grammar</u>
- c. Both
- d. Neither
- 10. Linguistic competence is the linguistic knowledge that provides a system forsound and meaning (i.e. the ability of linking words with their meanings).
 - a. Differentiating between
 - b. <u>Pairing</u>
 - c. Recognizing
 - d. All true

11. Linguistic Performance is the use of such knowledge (i.e. linguistic competence) in theprocessing of

sentences.

- a. <u>Actual</u>
- b. Virtual
- c. Internal
- d. external
- 12. Error and mistake are:
 - a. The same

- b. Not the same
- c. Only found in native's language
- d. All false

13.happens because of linguistic competence.

- a. <u>Error</u>
- b. Mistake
- c. Both
- d. Neither

14. When a person has the linguistic competence but he produces a wrong utterance, we call this:

- a. Error
- b. <u>Mistake</u>
- c. Both
- d. Neither

15. Native speakers make:

- a. Errors
- b. Mistakes
- c. Both
- d. Neither

2nd lecture

- 1. An important fact is that Language processing is subconscious. Language processing consists of:
 - a. Listening
 - b. Speaking
 - c. <u>Both</u>
 - d. Neither
- 2. Another important fact is that, since language processing is a mind-internal process, it is mostly.....
 - a. Observable
 - b. Not physically observable
 - c. Wrong
 - d. Right
- 3. We can't see how the mind combines words to produce sentences. To overcome the inability of observing hidden

linguistic processes, psycholinguistics guess the hidden mental process by analyzing......

- a. The observable behavior
- b. The hidden behavior
- c. Both
- d. Neither

4. One way to study language processing is by studying

- a. Slips of the tongue. (morphemes & the mind).
- b. Vocabulary experiments (e.g. lexical decision, the priming paradigm).
- c. <u>Both</u>
- d. Neither
- 5. Slips of the tongue involve exchanging morphemes within.....
 - a. A word
 - b. A syllable
 - c. <u>A sentence</u>
 - d. All false

6. Which of the following is a slip in the tongue?

- a. Sad ballad
- b. I'd forgot aboutten that
- c. Easy enoughly
- d. <u>All true</u>

7. Slips of the tongue are....

- a. Just random useless mistakes
- b. Tell us about how language is processed in the brain
- c. Proofs that a language is difficult
- d. All true

8. Slips of the tongue tell us that

- a. We plan our speech before uttering it.
- b. Morphemes function independently from words during sentence planning.
- c. <u>Both</u>
- d. Neither

9. Inside your brain, morphemes are recognized as.....entity.

- a. <u>Different</u> b. Similar
- c. Multi
- d. All false