**VALLUVAR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT-KARUR**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING**

**III – B.A ENGLISH**

**SHORT ANSWERS**

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19. What is applied linguistics?

Applied linguistics is a branch of language study and research conceded with the scientific stud

20. What are the three levels identified by Edward Anthony?

The three levels of conceptualization and organization Identified by Edward Anthony are approach, method and technique.

21. Why is Grammar- Translation method called as the classical method?

The method used for teaching English in the Grammar- translation method is same as the method used for teaching classical languages like Latin and Greek, So it is called as the classical method.

22. Define a method,

"Method is an overall plan for the orderly presentation of language material, no part of which contradicts and all of which is based upon the selected approach.

23. What is a technique?

A technique is implementation. It is that which actually takes place in the classroom. It is a particular trick used to accomplish an immediate objective. Technique must be consistent with a teaching method and so in harmony with an approach as well. Technique is the level at which classroom procedures are described.

24. Bring out the distinction between an approach and principles ,method.

An approach is axiomatic. A method is procedural. Approach is the level at which assumptions and beliefs about language learning are specified. Method is the level at which theory is put into practice and at which choices are made about the particular skills to be taught, the content to be taught and the order in which the content will be presented.

25. Write a note on structural linguistics?

Structural linguistics viewed language as a system of structurally related elements for the encoding of meaning. The elements are phonemes, morphemes, words, structures and sentence types. An important principle of structural linguistics was that the primary medium of language is oral.

26.What does a topic sentence in a paragraph do?

The topic sentence in a good paragraph expresses the central idea

27. how can the student lean correct pronunciation of words?

The student can learn correct pronunciation of words with the help of the pronouncing dictionary and by listening to recordings, broadcasts and dialogues in films.

28. What are the aural-oral skills?

The skills of listening and speaking are the aural-oral skills.

29. Why is reading said to be a complex skill?

Reading is a complex skill because it involves many physical, intellectual and often emotional reactions.

30. What are the three important components in the reading skill?

The three important components in the reading skill are the recognition of the graphic marks, the correlation of these with oral linguistic elements and the correlation of these with the meaning.

31.What are the two kinds of reading skill?

The skill of reading aloud and the skill of reading silently are the two kinds of reading skill.

32. What should be the syllabus of a writing course?

The writing course syllabus must consist of exercises varying controlled and guided paragraph writing to free writing of essays on familiar topics. It may include all kinds of letter writing, report writing, etc. Dictation is also a form of written exercise.

33. Write a note on dictation.

Dictation is also a form of written exercise. Dictation can be either word dictation or text dictation. One big advantage of dictation as an exercise is that it can be used with a class of any size and the student gets practice not only in writing but also in the sort of note-taking that many courses require.

34. What are the weaknesses in writing seen generally in a composition?

The weaknesses in writing generally seen in a composition are inadequacy of lexical range, misapplications of words and phrases, grammatical faults, mis-spellings, faulty punctuation and use of words that are out-dated. The teacher should take practicalnsteps to remedy these weaknesses.

35. Why is teaching English poetry in the second language is not successful?

Teaching English poetry in the second language situation is not successful because the poems selected are often difficult and express experience and sensibility that are unfamiliar to our students and the teacher often resorts to paraphrasing and translation for teaching the poems.

36. What is a very short answer type test?

sentence instead of a tick mark of a number it is called very short answer type.

37. What do the students do in composition tests?

The students are expected to compose their own free and extended responses to questions in composition tests.

38. Name the different kinds of validity.

The different kinds of validity are content validity, empirical validity and face validity.

39. What is face validity?

Face validity is the way the test looks to the examiners, test administrators and educators.

40. What is the difficulty in oral tests?

Oral tests are difficult to administer successfully. There are no specific criteria available and it takes a lot of time to assess and the oral skill in large classrooms.

41. Distinguish between a test and an examination.

A test is regarded as an attempt to see whether the things at have been learnt. An examination is regarded as an attempt to find out whether the student has attained certain predetermined standard. A test is directly concerned with teaching, while an examination is linked with an externally fixed standard of achievement.

42. What is evaluation?

Evaluation is a more comprehensive term than test or examination. It is concerned not only with the measurement of the extent of learning but also with determining the value of that learning. Evaluation aims at ascertaining aptitude, proficiency and achievement and at performing a diagnosis of difficulties for future action. Evaluation is carried out by means of tests and examinations.

43. Write a note on oral test and written test.

A test may be either oral or written. As listening and speaking are two major objectives of teaching English, oral tests play an important role. Oral test is a quick and effective device to test pupils' progress and difficulties: Written tests are the most popular testing tools in schools. They are used to test most of the objectives of teaching English, including some of the components of the aural- oral skills.

44.What are the alds that help in teaching?

Visual, audio and audio-visual aids help in teaching.

45.How do visual aids help the students?

The visual aids help the student to see and comprehend

46.How do audio aids help the students?

Audio aids help the students to learn what they hear.

47.Write a note on audio-visual aids.

The audio-visual aids combine in themselves the technology of teaching through hearing and seeing.

48.What is the use of colored chalks?

Coloured chalk can be used for distinguishing between spellings or between sounds that pose problems for the students.

49. Name some visual aids.

Slides and slide projectors, film strips, opaque projectors and overhead projectors are some visual aids.

50. Name some expensive and sophisticated aids.

Language laboratory, computer, television, overhead