

Test

in Comparative Typology of Russian and English

Samples of Test Questions

Phonological level

1 Choose the appropriate description (from A, B or C) for fusional language

A A combine a large number of morphemes, lexical or grammatical, into a single word

B this language has no morphology, no affixation

C different categories are expressed within the same word in a single unsegmentable morpheme

Answer: 1C

2 Which typological properties (A –C) are contrasted in the following cross-linguistic oppositions (1-3)

- 1 три – three **A** neutralisation
2 маг – mug **B** aspiration
3 пить – pit **C** dental – interdental

Answer: 1C, 2A, 3 B

3 Attribute the following typological characteristics either to Russian (A) or English (B)

- 1** a finer description of vowel quality and larger diversity of vowels
- 2** a larger number of consonants
- 3** no restriction in vowel distribution

Answer: 1B, 2A, 3A

Morphological level

4 Distribute the underlined morphemes between the groups: A – root morphemes, B – inflectional morphemes, C – derivational morphemes

1 looked

2 maladjust

3 техпомощь

4 грелкаа

Answer: 1B, 2C, 3A, 4B

5 Which syntactical link (A- agreement, B – government, C - adjunction) is used in the following phrases (1 -6):

1 Martin's book **4** уехать домой

2 extremely cold **5** своего дома

3 fair lady **6** скандально
известный

Answer: 1B, 2C, 3 C, 4B, 5A, 6C

6 Which of the two types of syntactical relation is more typical of Russian:

A agreement

B adjunction

Answer: 6A

7 Distribute the words (1-10) according to the type of word formation (A – F):

1 upcoming A conversion

2 finger, v B suffixal

3 reshuffle C suffixal- prefixal

4 землетрясение D prefixal

5 особенность E compounding

6 раненый

Answer: 1C, 2A, 3D, 4E, 5B, 6A