



Preparation Manual

American Sign Language (184)

Overview and Exam Framework

Sample Selected-Response Questions

Sample Selected-Response Answers and Rationales

Competency 005—The teacher demonstrates knowledge of sociological theories, especially as related to the American Deaf culture and community.

The beginning teacher:

- A. Knows how to compare and contrast hearing/Deaf cultures and can analyze and apply general sociological theories.
- B. Demonstrates an understanding of the deaf community and recognizes that the Deaf are a cultural and linguistic minority within the majority culture.
- C. Understands the multicultural aspects of and diversity within the American Deaf culture.
- D. Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics of people who are culturally Deaf and of the deaf community.
- E. Demonstrates an understanding of the ways to participate in the deaf community (e.g., social, political, linguistic, audiological).

Competency 006—The teacher demonstrates knowledge of American Deaf culture and its evolution, including the social, political, educational and audiological aspects of Deaf culture, as well as federal and state legislation regarding the education and civil rights of individuals who are deaf.

The beginning teacher:

- A. Demonstrates knowledge of the history and evolution of Deaf culture, including the oppression of and discrimination against people who are deaf.
- B. Demonstrates an awareness of International Deaf cultures and organizations.
- C. Understands how people who are deaf are viewed (clinical/pathological vs. cultural-linguistic) and the perspectives of the majority and minority cultures.
- D. Demonstrates knowledge of educational facilities (e.g., schools for the deaf, public schools, private schools, charter schools), various philosophies of educational instruction and educational issues of concern to the deaf community.
- E. Demonstrates knowledge of services and cultural organizations (e.g., national, state) related to the deaf community.
- F. Understands the history and current status of technology and how communication access is evolving for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- G. Understands Deaf culture's language, values, customs, traditions and rules for social interaction.
- H. Understands multiculturalism and diversity within the American Deaf culture.
- I. Demonstrates knowledge of the folklore of the Deaf and their culture (e.g., humor, storytelling, myths, legends, art, poetry, theater).
- J. Demonstrates knowledge of major contributions and accomplishments of individuals within the deaf community in historical events, popular culture and the arts.
- K. Demonstrates knowledge of federal and state laws regarding the education and civil rights of individuals who are deaf.

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- A. Language competence
- B. Language performance
- C. Language interference
- D. Language characteristic

Answer _____

2. Which of the following terms best identifies a linguistic feature that allows the components of a language to be separated into categories?

- A. Passives
- B. Paraphrases
- C. Parameters
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Answer _____

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- B. Ken Mikos
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Answer

Option A is correct because language competence is the ability to speak, read, write and understand another language. **Option B is incorrect** because language performance identifies the actual spoken ability of a speaker measured when conversing, including syntax and phonetic errors. **Option C is incorrect** because language interference is the effect of the learner's first language on his or her production of the second language being learned. **Option D is incorrect** because a language characteristic is an identifying feature of a language, without regard to the language user's knowledge of the characteristic.

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- A. Passives
- B. Paraphrases
- C. Parameters
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Answer

Option C is correct because the parameters of ASL include non-manual signals, handshapes, palm orientation, location and movement, which allow the language to be separated into categories for specialized studies. **Option A is incorrect** because passive terms are words within a language that distinguish the relationship between the subject and the verb. **Option B is incorrect** because paraphrases are two sentences that have the same meaning. **Option D is incorrect** because words can be broken down into parts, but phonemes are just a single unit.

3. Which of the following is most likely to prevent a person from acquiring a first language?

- A. An isolated setting
- B. A multicultural setting
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Answer

Option A is correct because an isolated setting would limit a person's exposure to language, varied communication and resources in a manner that could prevent the person from appropriately acquiring a first language naturally. **Option B is incorrect** because the cultural setting, whether monocultural or multicultural in nature, does not necessarily affect language acquisition. **Option C is incorrect** because a person would learn positively at a school for the Deaf. **Option D is incorrect** because many mainstream settings offer interpreters and appropriate support for students to acquire a first language.

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- B. Ken Mikos
- C. William Stokoe
- D. Laurent Clerc

Answer

Option C is correct because William C. Stokoe proved that American Sign Language meets the full criteria of linguistics (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics) necessary to be classified as a fully developed language. **Option A is incorrect** because Thomas Gallaudet is more appropriately credited with establishing the American School for the Deaf (ASD). **Option B is incorrect** because Ken Mikos wrote curriculum materials and presented ASL-related workshops in the late 1980s and 1990s. **Option D is incorrect** because Laurent Clerc is recognized as the first Deaf educator in the United States.

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Answer

Option A is correct because fossilization refers to the point in the learning of a secondary language at which the student has more and more difficulty furthering his or her fluency in the language. **Option B is incorrect** because foreigner talk is a form of language used when a native signer communicates or addresses a nonnative signer. **Option C is incorrect** because interlanguage refers to language produced by a learner of a second language that often has grammatical features not found in either the native or secondary language. **Option D is incorrect** because interference occurs when the signer's two languages intersect, thereby resulting in linguistic intrusions from the first language.

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- B. behavior-management techniques.
- C. parent-community involvement.
- D. teacher-student rapport.

Answer

Option A is correct because developing performance-based assessments is emphasized during ASL teacher training. **Options B, C and D are incorrect** because behavior-management techniques, parent-community involvement and teacher-student rapport are addressed in ASL teacher training but are not emphasized.

7. When students are learning ASL, which of the following is the most appropriate skill set for ASL teachers to evaluate?

- A. Receptive and expressive skills
- B. Total communication skills

- C. Oral and effective written skills
- D. Rational metacognitive skills

Answer

Option A is correct because assessing receptive (comprehension) skill and expressive (conversation) skills can be effectively used to evaluate students' mastery of ASL in a classroom setting. **Option B is incorrect** because total communication skills consist of speaking and signing at the same time, which does not allow students to properly acquire ASL linguistic structures. **Option C is incorrect** because oral and effective written skills are not part of the ASL setting. **Option D is incorrect** because metacognitive skills are thinking skills rather than language skills acquired when learning ASL.

8. To most effectively expose students to Deaf culture, a teacher should have students
- A. participate in language labs during class.
 - B. attend events in the local Deaf community.
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 - D. attend a lecture about an individual's experiences in the Deaf community.

Answer

Option B is correct because attending Deaf events would allow students to have a first-hand experience and observe the cultural norms. **Option A is incorrect** because attending language labs does not sufficiently expose students to language and culture. **Option C is incorrect** because hearing impaired students are often mainstreamed in public schools, which limits the student's exposure to ASL or the Deaf culture. **Option D is incorrect** because each Deaf speaker is an individual with varied backgrounds, so the individual can only present their own experience of the Deaf culture. In addition, students will not receive a first-hand experience with the culture.

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Answer

Option C is correct because many modern ASL sign roots came from Old French Sign Language. Laurent Clerc was French and became the first deaf teacher in the country when he migrated to the United States. He used sign language as a method of teaching deaf children, some of whom used Old American Sign Language. When Old French Sign Language and Old American Sign Language combined, they resulted in modern ASL. **Option A is incorrect** because there is no documented evidence of Old German Sign Language in the etymology of ASL. **Option B is incorrect** because a few documents state that the one-hand alphabet hand shapes are the only feature that possibly derived from Spanish Sign Language, specifically used by monks.

Option D is incorrect because most of the British Sign Language (BSL) words/signs have no similarity to modern ASL signs.

10. Which of the following best identifies common learning styles?

- A. Visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile
- B. Extrinsic and intrinsic motivation
- C. Readiness, primacy, recency and intensity
- D. Behaviorism and constructivism

Answer

Option A is correct because visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile are the four basic categories of learning styles used by teachers to identify the modality that each of their students' uses to learn best. **Option B is incorrect** because extrinsic and intrinsic motivation refer to the underlying reasons students desire to do a task or activity. **Option C is incorrect** because readiness, primacy, recency and intensity are principles of learning, not learning styles. **Option D is incorrect** because behaviorism and constructivism are two learning theories, not learning styles.

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Answer

Option C is correct because topicalization and topic-comment structure is common in ASL. The object, or topic, is moved to the beginning of the sentence to announce the content of the sentence. **Option A is incorrect** because subject-object agreement refers to an appropriate identification and/or inclusion of a subject of the sentence. **Option B is incorrect** because subject-verb agreement refers to the appropriate use of a verb to identify the desired subject of the sentence. **Option D is incorrect** because contrastive structure occurs when signing takes place on both sides of the body using the shoulder-shift.

12. Which of the following is the linguistics term for the process of making an affirmative sentence into its opposite?

- A. Negation
- B. Contradiction
- C. Metathesis
- D. Reversal

Answer

Option A is correct because the insertion of a negation in a sentence with either a non-manual sign or a lexical item changes the meaning of the sentence in such a way that the affirmative sentence becomes negative.

Option B is incorrect because contradiction is an unresolved dissonance; it does not change the meaning of the sentence altogether. **Option C is incorrect** because metathesis is a morphological process connected with transposing words, signs or phonemes but does not change the meaning of a sentence. **Option D is incorrect** because a reversal converts a sentence back to a previous meaning; however, the term does not apply if information is changed only once.

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Answer

Option B is correct because the duration of time describes how long something occurs. The duration of time signs use specific movement and non-manual signals. **Option A is incorrect** because habitual time is represented by a change in a sign's movement to show that something occurs as part of a series. The following are some additional examples: EVERY-TUESDAY, EVERY DAY, ANNUALLY/EVERY-YEAR. **Option C is incorrect** because derivational morphology creates new signs. The meaning of the sign has only been modified, not completely changed. An example of derivational morphology would be noun-verb pairs. **Option D is incorrect** because ALL-DAY-LONG is one sign. An inflectional morpheme modifies a word's tense, aspect, etc. It would require the addition of another sign, which is not indicated in this example.

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Answer

Option B is correct because conditional phrases are if-then statements and are not used to request more information. The non-manual signs described in the question are used for conditional statements. **Option A is incorrect** because the signers do not ask for information with rhetorical questions; they are setting up a situation to deliver information they already know. **Option C is incorrect** because topicalization is a common ASL sentence structure in which the object appears at the beginning of a sentence to announce the topic of a sentence. It does not require the use of an if-then statement. **Option D is incorrect** because assimilation is a process applicable to all languages. It occurs naturally when the body adapts the sign or sound to make it more efficient in relation to the previous or following movement or sound.

15. The practice of changing from one language to another is best known as

- A. interference.
- B. code switching.
- C. lexical borrowing.
- D. maintained bilingualism.

Answer

Option B is correct because the term "code switching" refers to a bilingual person who uses one language and then switches to another language for a word or phrase. **Option A is incorrect** because the term "interference" refers to a bilingual person's use of parts of one language, in error, while communicating in another language. **Option C is incorrect** because the term "lexical borrowing" refers to the borrowing of a lexical item — a word or a sign — from one language and incorporating it into another language system. **Option D is incorrect** because the term "maintained bilingualism" refers to the use of two languages in the same location. They may both stay, or one of them may gradually disappear.

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Answer

Option D is correct because the sign for BIRTHDAY is different depending upon the region where you live. **Options A, B and C are incorrect** because the signs for POPULAR, BICYCLE and PAPER are the same regardless of the region.

17. Which of the following is a characteristic best aligned with the cultural values of collectivism?

- A. Competitiveness
- B. Loyalty
- C. Self-expressiveness
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Answer

Option B is correct because being loyal to the group is one of several characteristics of collectivism. **Options A, C and D are incorrect** because competitiveness, self-expression and independence are examples of individualist values.

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Option C is correct because traditional Deaf folklore refers to a place called Eyeth where everyone can sign, an allusion to the Deaf world. **Options A, B and D are incorrect** because Earth, ASL World and Gallaudet University are not terms used for the Deaf world

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Option D is correct because the Milan Convention convened to ban sign language and to promote the Oralism movement. **Options A, B and C are incorrect** because the Milan Convention was not called to promote deaf leadership in educational institutions, to prevent deaf individuals from being hired or to promote the study of sign language acquisition.

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Answer

Option D is correct because walking through their signing space without hesitation is the proper behavioral norm in Deaf culture, which contrasts with the hearing culture. It is appropriate for teachers to practice this behavioral rule in the classroom with students. **Options A, B and C are incorrect** because each describes a

behavior that is considered rude and distracting in the Deaf culture.

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Answer

Option C is correct because the DPN movement originated at Gallaudet University, a historically Deaf college. The college was led by hearing presidents and a board of trustees comprised of mostly hearing people for over 100 years. The DPN protesters believed that the lack of a Deaf president perpetuated the misconceptions that a non-hearing person was not competent enough to administer a university and that non-hearing people were not capable of controlling their own fates. **Options A, B and D are incorrect** because these concerns were not aspects of the DPN protests.

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Option B is correct because language interference refers to using parts of one language, in error, while communicating in another language. **Option A is incorrect** because lexical borrowing refers to the intentional incorporation of a word or sign from another culture into the lexicon. **Option C is incorrect** because creole development is an intentional combination of two languages. **Option D is incorrect** because code switching refers to a bilingual person's use of one language, then switching to another language for a word or phrase.

23. The most effective classroom arrangement for teaching ASL is to place desks or tables in a

- A. series of rows.
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Answer

Option C is correct because a semicircular arrangement allows students visual access to each other, the teacher and instructional materials. **Option A is incorrect** because sitting in rows makes it difficult for students and teachers to see each other. This arrangement would limit communication within the classroom. **Option B is incorrect** because a circular arrangement can limit accessibility to the teacher and instructional materials, depending on their placement in the room. **Option D is incorrect** because a rectangular arrangement can limit access to certain areas in the room, including the whiteboard, and limit space for some activities.

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Answer

Option A is correct because the teacher is validating the student's efforts to sign while still offering a correction immediately. **Option B is incorrect** because the student may feel that other students are being asked to judge him or her. This does not reduce the affective filter. **Option C is incorrect** because it does not provide a context for the correction and the feedback is not immediate. **Option D is incorrect** because the feedback is not immediate and is therefore not the most effective correction.