

READ THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAREFULLY AND CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE LETTER.

1. What does Labov mean by "structured heterogeneity"?

- a. Random use of alternate forms within a dialect
- b. **Systematic variation characterized by social differentiation**
- c. Language involving an abstract structure
- d. None of the above

2. What is the distinction between sociolinguistics and the sociology of language?

- a. **Sociolinguistics focuses on language in society, while the sociology of language examines language use for its illumination of societies.**
- b. Sociolinguistics is a sub-part of sociology, while the sociology of language is part of the terrain mapped out in linguistics.
- c. Sociolinguistics studies macro-scale patterns, while the sociology of language studies micro-scale patterns.
- d. Sociolinguistics is an alter ego of the sociology of language, rather than a dichotomised pair.

3. What are the characteristics that Fischer correlated with the use of one form of the present participle over the other?

- a. **Sex, class, personality, mood, and formality**
- b. Age, occupation, social status, and ethnicity
- c. Language fluency, intelligence, and physical appearance
- d. None of the above

4. What is a lexical set in dialectology?

- a. **A set of words used to identify vowel categories.**
- b. A set of words used to mark isoglosses.
- c. A set of words used to separate dialect areas.
- d. A set of words used to identify different sounds.

5. According to William Labov, what does language involve?

- a. Abstract structure
- b. **Structured heterogeneity**
- c. Quantitative paradigm
- d. Urban dialectology

6. What is the focus of modern studies on dialect?

- a. Obsolete rural speech forms
- b. Differentiation of language into dialects
- c. **Urban speech and contact between speakers of different backgrounds**
- d. Geographical variation

7. According to Fischer, why do people adopt a linguistic variant?

- a. Because it is easier to pronounce
- b. **Because it expresses how they feel about their relative status versus other conversants**
- c. Because they want to fit in with the group
- d. Because they are taught to use it in school

8. What is the first step in gathering data from a community for a variationist study?

- a. Conducting interviews
- b. Selecting a suitable sample of people
- c. **Analyzing the data**
- d. Identifying social units

9. Which of the following is a recommended method for conducting interviews in a variationist study?

- a. **Written surveys**
- b. Multiple-choice questions
- c. Informal continuous speech
- d. Structured grammar exercises

10. What is the scoring system used by Labov called?

- a. **Centralisation index**
- b. Linguistic variable
- c. Phonetic properties
- d. Linguistic system

11. What group on Martha's Vineyard showed resistance to centralisation?

- a. **Fishermen from Chilmark**
- b. Descendants of old English families
- c. People of Portuguese descent
- d. Native Americans

12. What is the significance of the Martha's Vineyard study in understanding language variation?

- a. It shows the influence of ethnicity on language variation
- b. It demonstrates changes in speech patterns over time
- c. It highlights the impact of social relationships on pronunciation choices
- d. **All of the above**

13. How did Labov collect data during his pilot study?

- a. By conducting interviews with department store employees.
- b. By observing the behavior of department store customers.
- c. **By pretending to be a customer and interacting with salespeople.**
- d. By analyzing recordings of department store announcements.

14. Which of the following statements is true based on Labov's data analysis?

- a. Saks Fifth Avenue employees used [r] in all four tokens.
- b. **Macy's employees showed the greatest increase in [r] usage.**
- c. Klein's employees used [r] in all four tokens.
- d. All store employees used [r] in at least one of the four tokens

15. What were the four types of activities involved in the interviews for the full-scale study?

- a. **Continuous speech, reading passages, word lists, and word pairs.**
- b. Intensive reading, vocabulary assessment, grammar exercises, and listening comprehension.
- c. Group discussions, role play, writing samples, and oral presentations.
- d. Multiple-choice questions, essay writing, listening tests, and speaking assessments.

16. What do bundles of isoglosses close together likely represent?

- a. **Major dialect boundaries.**
- b. Linguistic innovations.
- c. Patterns of prestige.
- d. Relic areas.

17. What is the term used to describe the use of a particular variant beyond the target set by the prestige model?

- a. **Hypercorrection**
- b. Variationist theory
- c. Secular linguistics
- d. Urban dialectology

18. What terms are used to express the distinction between macro-sociolinguistics and micro-sociolinguistics?

- a. Proper sociolinguistics and sub-part sociolinguistics
- b. Macro-linguistics and micro-linguistics
- c. **Macro-sociolinguistics and micro-sociolinguistics**
- d. Macro-studies and micro-studies

19. What is 'free variation' in language?

- a. The coexistence of two or more dialects in one locality.
- b. **The random use of alternate forms within a dialect.**
- c. The systematic variation within speech communities.
- d. The study of language excluding the choices that speakers make.