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Principles of Language Teaching and learning

Chapter 1 – Language – Learning and Teaching



True/ False

- 1 Good academic courses can provide adequate ground for learning foreign languages. True/false
- 2 Teaching is the process of the facilitation of learning.

3 – Some wh-questions about lg. education

- □a) Who: Teacher, Learner
 (bilingual social affective cognitive variables)
 □b) What: Ig.; communication; syllabus
- ☐c) **How**: Learning process (as in Cognitive approach vs. Behaviorism)
- □d) When: 1) when to start 2nd lg. education
 - 2) How long / much to study course length and intensity

3 – Some wh-questions about lg. education

- e) Where: EFL vs. ESL setting sociopolitical condition
- f) Why: motivational force instrumental vs. integrative motive, different purposes eg. educational, vocational, ESP - LSP

3 – Some wh-questions about lg. education

- "Often asking the right questions is more valuable than possessing storehouses of Knowledge"
- The need for an integrated and comprehensive understanding of the whole process of lg. learning. First, do the puzzles and then put them together in a coherent way.

Language

- ➤ Some definitions from dictionaries or introductory text books denote:
- **>** (p. 5): 8 features of Lg.
- > More concepts in introductory books on linguistics:
- ➤ 1 the generativity or creativity of lg.
- 2 the presumed primacy of speech over writing
- > 3 the universality of lg. among human being

(p.6): 8 topics of inquiry within linguistics

- ✓ Term definitions: (in the Dictionary of applied linguistics + p. 262 nonverbal communication)
- ✓ a) Kinesics b) Proxmics c) Paralinguistics
- ✓ d) Nonverbal lg. : 1 gesture 2 posture
 3 facial expressions

Learning and Teaching

- Kimbel and Garmezy (1963): Learning is a relatively permanent change in a behavioral tendency and is the result of reinforced practice.
- Components of the definition: (p.7)

Schools of Thought in Second Language Acquisition

 1- Structuralism / Behaviorism (1940s and 50s)

 Empiricism: an approach to psychology which states that the development of theory must be related to observable facts and experiments, or which states that all human knowledge comes from experience. Empiricism contrasts with the view that many forms of human knowledge are in-born or innate.

Structuralism / Behaviorism (1940s and 50s)

- ☐a) Leonard Bloomfield, Edward Sapir, Charls Hockett, Charles Fries
- emphasis on publically observable responses
- ☐ Languages are different.
- ☐ Freeman Twaddell (1935): The scientific method is quite simply the convention that mind does not exist.....

Structuralism / Behaviorism (1940s and 50s)

- - Skinner (1957) Verbal Behavior: Any notion of idea or meaning is explanatory fiction, and that the speaker is merely the locus of verbal behavior, not the cause.
- Who is a field linguist?

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Structuralism / Behaviorism (1940s and 50s)

- Osgood (1957) meaning in verbal behavior is representational mediation process; still nonmentalistic view of lg.
- lg. can be dismantled into small pieces and put together (synthesis)
- - The same with Behaviorism.
- 1940 & 1950s: Grammars of exotic lg. were written.
- Consciousness & intuition as "mentalistic" illegitimate domains of inquiry.

Mediation Theory (Osgood 1953)

 ... meaning is accounted for by the claim that the linguistic stimulus (a word or a sentence) elicits a mediating response that is self-stimulating. Osgood called this selfstimulation a 'RMP", a process which is really covert and invisible, acting within the learner.
 (p.23)

Some Empirical Approaches to learning

- 1 Classical 2 Operant Conditioning
- 3 Discrimination Learning 4 Instrumental Learning 5 rote verbal learning Pavlov & Skinner:

"... organisms can be conditioned to respond in desired ways, given the correct degree and scheduling of reinforcement"

Rationalism & Cognitive Psychology 1960s.

- Noam Chomsky # Behaviorism
- ☐ (Ig. creativity, novel utterences; complexity: deep vs. surface structure generative and transformational rules descriptive vs, explanatory adequacy of grammar finiteness of rules limited capacity of human memory

Rationalism & Cognitive Psychology

- Aim: descriptive as well as explanatory level of adequacy.
- A principled basis independent of any particular lgs. (UG)
- Stem from Ferdinand de Saussure (1916)
- Parole: performance: what is observed
- Langue: competence: unobservable lg. ability
- Langue ignored by structuralist taken up by Chomsky again
- Ausubel (1965): Cognitive Psychologist: importance of cognitive & mental Processes (P. 10: a quotation)

Empiricism vs. Rationalism

Rationalism

using the tools of logic, reasoning, extrapolation (=estimate what is unknown from what is known) & inference to derive explanation for human behavior

What vs. why questions

eg.: a burglar asked what & why questions

Constructivism

• **Constructivism**: Jean Piaget & Lev Vygotsky (not new) but prevailed in late twentieth 20th century.

 Pluralism: All human beings construct their own version of reality, and therefore multiple contrasting ways of knowing and describing are equally legitimate.

Constructivism

- Piaget: Cognitive development & predetermined stages triggered by social interactions.
- Vygotsky: a social constructivist: Social interaction determines cognitive development, and denies the existence of predetermined developmental stages

Constructivism

- Some relevant issues:
- study of conversational discourse, sociocultural factors in learning and interactionist theories, interlanguage variability (vs. systematicity in Cognitive Psychology – interperson vs. intraperson variability p. 229)

- Language learning is a multifaceted phenomenon & the three views (Behaviorism, Cognitivism and Constructivism) are complementary, not contradictory.
- (Table 1 p.12 summary)

Language Teaching Methodology

 Some historical review from GTM – DM – Audio lingual – Cognitive based – Humanistic – interactionistic & communicative approaches.

Grammar Translation Method:

- Latin & Greek Mental gymnastics: no theory

 goals techniques classical method. The
 ease of teaching and testing in this method
- Is there any rote learning practice in this method?
- vocabulary grammar reading no oral skills

Schools of thought in second language acquisition

Time Frame	Schools of Thought	Typical theme
Early 1900s -1940s & 50s	Structuralism & Behaviorism	-Description - observable performance - Scientific method - Empiricism - surface structure -Conditioning, reinforcement
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True/false review

- True or false and some questions
- 1- Language is a set of arbitrary visual symbols.
- 2- Language has universal characteristics.
- 3- There are individual differences in the way language is learned.
- 4- There are universal commonalities in the way language is learned.
- 5- What is forgotten has not actually been learnt.

True/ false review

- 6- Learning changes behavior.
- 7- Learning is a totally internal process.
- 8- Good retention requires good cognitive organization and storage.
- 9- Verbal Behavior (1957) was written by Charles Osgood.
- 10- Osgood considered verbal behavior as representational meditation process thus providing a mentalistic view of language.

Watch out for the test constructor's traps



- 1. The distinction between EFL vs. ESL primarily has to do with the ----- of language learning.
- ≻A) what
- ≫B) where
- **≻C)** how
- **➢D)** when

- 2. According to composite definition of language,-----has/have universal features.
- A) only language
- B) only language learning
- •★C) both language and language learning
- D) neither language nor language learning

3. Which mode of teaching encourages discovery learning?

- A) deductive
- •★B) inductive
- C) structural
- D) cognitive

4. Chomsky's main concern was studying

- **≻**A) parole
- **≻B)** langue
- C) underlying language ability
- **➢ D) observable language**

5. According to Piaget, cognitive development is a relatively ----- act.

- >A) creative
- ➤ B) global
- >C) constructive
- **➢**D) solitary

6. The following are some features of Rationalism and Cognitivism except ----- .

- ◆★A) interlanguage variability
- B) innateness
- C) universal grammar
- D) competence