

Part A:

1) Turn the following words into abstract nouns:-

a) normal _____

b) evaluate _____

c) define _____

d) explore _____

e) depart _____

- Which is the odd one out? What are your reasons?

2) Put the following in the passive voice.

a) I will discuss theories of underdevelopment

b) I will give an account of the recent research findings

c) Basil Bernstein developed theories of cultural transmission

d) Many researchers have asked similar questions

e) _____

- How do you construct the passive voice?
- What's its function here?

Part B:

Fill in the gaps in the following abstract with one word only.

In this article some limitations of the increasingly popular theories of the Russian semiotician L.S. Vygotsky _____ be identified. Emphasis will _____ placed on the lack of an account of social positioning within discourse as well as the social, cultural and historical production of discourse. At the heart of these concerns there lies an underdeveloped perspective on the social function of language, particularly when it _____ used to influence interpersonal relations. The theories of cultural transmission developed _____ Basil Bernstein in the later stages of his career _____ be discussed in terms of the potential for refining the Vygotskian thesis.

- Circle the abstract nouns in this paragraph.

Part C: Write an abstract for your last essay. Think about the passive voice and abstract nouns as you write it.

Organise the abstract as follows:-

- 1) The main point/s
- 2) Secondary points
- 3) Concepts/frameworks/literature used
- 4) The conclusion of the essay

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