

## **Lecture topics (identical to oral exam topics) and basic references**

### Topic 1 – General introduction (p. 10)

- Grammarians and grammars
- Prescriptive and descriptive grammars
- The relation of morphology and syntax in English
- Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations

### Topic 2 – Sentence and sentence elements (p. 16)

- Multiple sentences: compound and complex sentences
- Complex sentence and clause
- Sentence or clause elements: Subject, Verb, Object, Complement, Adverbial
- Object versus Adverbial in English

### Topic 3 – Noun Phrase (NP) (p.18)

- Basic noun phrase
- Determinatives: determiners, predeterminers, postdeterminers
- Head
- Complex noun phrase
- Modifiers: premodifiers and postmodifiers
- The term “attribute”
- Prepositional noun phrase and other types of phrase
- The place of noun phrases and other phrases in the syntactic analysis

### Topic 4 – Verb Phrase (VP) (p.24)

- Verb and the type of clause (verb pattern, clause pattern)
- Verb classes: copulas, transitives, intransitives
- Copulative verbs (linking verbs) – copulas
- Transitive verbs: monotransitives, ditransitives, complex transitives
- Intransitive verbs
- Transitivity versus intransitivity of verbs in English and in Czech

### Topic 5 – Tense, aspect, and mood (p. 30)

- Tense and aspect
- Mood in Czech and mood in English
- Sequence of tenses
- Broad (intentional) and narrow modality
- Narrow modality in English

### Topic 6 – Broad (intentional) modality (p. 37)

- Formal and functional view (M.A.K. Halliday)
- Questions: yes-no questions (also negative yes-no questions), tag questions, wh-questions
- Minor types of question: alternative, nonfinite, verbless, elided, declarative, exclamatory, rhetorical
- Commands (directives): without subject, with subject, with *let*, negative commands, with modal verbs, verbless
- Exclamations (exclamatives)

### Topic 7 – Negation (p. 42)

- Clause negation and partial negation (clause member negation)
- Ambiguities
- Words with negative meaning
- Neutral character of the English verb

### Topic 8 – Word order in statements (p. 44)

- Basic word order
- Optional Adverbials
- Verb-Subject order
- Word order of Objects
- Word order of Adverbials
- Statement tags and short answers
- The passive voice transformation
- Unmarked and marked word order in Czech and in English

### Topic 9 – Clause elements and cohesion (p.50)

- Clause elements concord of number, person, and gender
- Cohesion: reference, elision, substitution, and repetition
- Pro-forms (substitutions)
- Ellipses (elisions)

### Topic 10 – Coordination and subordination (p. 55)

- Coordination (parataxis)
- Subordination (hypotaxis)
- Syntactic roles of subordinate clauses (subject, subject compl., object, object compl., and adverbial clauses; relative clauses)

### Topic 11 – Finite, nonfinite, and verbless clauses (p. 58)

- Finite clauses (the issue of the finite verb-form in English)
- Nonfinite clauses: *to*-infinitive clauses, bare infinitive clauses, *-ing* clauses, *-ed* clauses
- Direct Object and nonfinite clauses (*to*-infinitive, bare infinitive, *-ing* and *-ed* clauses)
- Verbless clauses

### Topic 12 – Relative clauses (p. 64)

- Restrictive (defining) relative clauses – no commas
- Non-restrictive (non-defining) relative clauses
- Coordination and apposition
- Appositive relative clauses
- Nominal “relative” clauses
- Sentential relative clauses

### Topic 13 – Adverbial clauses (I) (p. 68)

- Clauses of time
- Clauses of place
- Clauses of cause and reason
- Clauses of purpose (purpose clauses or final clauses):  
with the same subject, with a different subject
- Result clauses (consequence clauses)

#### Topic 14 – Adverbial clauses (II) (p. 70)

- Conditional clauses and their conjunctions
- Real (open) condition (in the future, at present, and in the past)
- Unreal (hypothetical) condition (at present and in the past)
- The basic use of tenses in complex sentences containing conditional clauses
- Subject-Verb inversion in conditional clauses
- Nonfinite conditional clauses
- Rhetorical conditional clauses

#### Topic 15 – Adverbial clauses (III) (p. 73)

- Concessive clauses
- Clauses of contrast
- Clauses of similarity and comparison
- Clauses of proportion and clauses of preference
- Clauses of exception
- Comment clauses (parentheses)

#### Topic 16 – Punctuation (p. 76)

- Heavy and light punctuators in English
- Comma in English and in Czech
- Semicolon, colon, full stop (period)
- Exclamation mark (exclamation point), question mark
- Dash versus hyphen (graphic difference, difference in use)
- Apostrophe
- Inverted commas (quotation marks) in English and in Czech
- Round brackets (parentheses), square brackets
- Slash (virgule)

#### Topic 17– Generative and Transformational Grammar (p. 82)

- Noam Chomsky and his algorithmic idea:  $S \rightarrow NP+VP$
- Sentence generation from a set of rewriting rules
- Sentence as a tree diagram: nodes and branches
- Transformations
- Surface structure and deep structure

### Topic 18 – Functional Sentence Perspective (FSP) (p. 86)

- The Prague Linguistics Circle (1926-1953) – functional approach
- Vilém Mathesius (1882-1945) and his “aktuální členění”
- Jan Firbas (1921-2000) – Functional sentence perspective (FSP)
- Bipartition, tripartition, pluripartition
- Theme, Transition, and Rheme
- Four factors of FSP: linearity, semantics, context, and intonation
- The Fall-and-Rise intonation in English
- The interplay of the four factors of FSP

### Topic 19 – Text linguistics and discourse analysis (p. 96)

- Written and spoken discourse (J. Vachek)
- Cohesion and coherence (M. A. K. Halliday and R. Hasan)
- Text organization (F. Daneš’ thematic progressions)
- Conversational analysis (turn-taking, adjacency pairs)

### Topic 20 – Pragmatics and pragmalinguistics (p. 101)

- Ch. Morris: syntactics, semantics, pragmatics
- Indexical expressions
- Speech acts (J. Austin and J. R. Searle)
- Semantics versus pragmatics
- The Cooperative Principle (CP) (H. P. Grice)
- The Principle of Politeness (PP) (G. N. Leech)
- The operation of tact (an example)
- The Modesty Maxim and intercultural studies

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**For English grammars see Topic 1**

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