PHILOLOGY

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Modality of literary text in the functional-semantic aspect

It is considered the modality of a literary text as a modality that is formed not within the limits of an utterance, but functions at the level of the value-semantic space of an integral text. It is proved that it is inexpedient to use the terms "objective modality" and "subjective modality" in relation to a literary text due to the lack of a denotation in a literary text in the generally accepted sense: objective reality is not such because of the importance of fiction in the narrative and the irrelevance of the categories of truth/falsity in relation to such a text. Based on the results of the functional-semantic analysis, the synthesis of modality varieties occurring in a literary text is demonstrated. The modality of a literary text functions on the basis of semantic transformations that affect not the meanings of individual lexemes or lexical combinations, but the unity of the meanings of an integral text.

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