ABSTRACT OF THE FINAL QUALIFICATION WORK
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"Ontogenesis and features of use of punctuation in English"

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Relevance of the subject of the research is defined, on the one hand, by the
general tendency of the scientific research which is characterized by complex
consideration of the nature of this or that language phenomenon, and, on the other
hand, need of a research, systematization and classification of punctuation signs as
products of linguo-creative activity of a person at this stage of the development of
language as the main means of human communication which within the computer-
mediated communication has a written and electronic form of representation as the
main form.

Subject of the research is the linguo-creative activity of a person directed at
the creation and development of branched system of punctuation signs which at
today's stage of the development receives a special refraction within the computer-
mediated communication realized in the Internet (blogs, chats, forums, etc.), and
the mediated cross-platform application (WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Instagram,
etc.) which are specially created for instant messaging on electronic devices.

The main aim of the work consists in tracing the stages of ontogenesis of
system of punctuation signs with emphasis on disclosure of the nature of the
English punctuation, and also detection of specifics of development of system of a
punctuation at its present stage of development.

Tasks:
- tracing in diachronic aspect and the description of the main stages of
ontogenesis of punctuation signs as means of execution of the speech;

- consideration of historical aspect of development of the English punctuation;

- identification of the place of a punctuation in system of graphic means of a written language;

- classification of types of punctuation marks in modern English;

- the analysis of features of use of punctuation marks in the computer mediated communication;

- collecting material from the open Internet resources representing lists of possible combinations of punctuation signs, letters, the figures and symbols acting as emoticons, and also the texts relating to the sphere of the computer mediated communication (blogs, chats, forums, correspondence in the appendices WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Instagram);

- detection of semantic properties of collected emoticons and their values, proceeding from a visual image and a communicative context;

- classification and rubrication of collected material by semantic groups;

- preparation of the short dictionary of emoticons.

The theoretical base of the research is made by provisions of the works of the domestic and foreign scientists devoted to the problems of ontogenesis of the system of punctuation signs, and also disclosure of intrinsic characteristics of punctuation signs.

Scientific novelty of work consists in the fact that for the first time on the material of English an attempt of a complex analysis of the stages of ontogenesis of the system of punctuation signs with emphasis on the disclosure of the nature of the English punctuation, and also detection of the specifics of the development of the system of punctuation at its present stage of development in the aspect of the computer-mediated communication is made.

The material of the research is about 500 examples of the use of
punctuation signs which are selected by the method of continuous selection from the computer-mediated communication realized in the Internet (blogs, chats, forums, etc.), and mediated by the cross-platform appendices (WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Instagram, etc.) which are specially created for instant messaging on electronic devices.

The theoretical importance of the research consists in the fact that it represents an experience of the research of the nature of the system of punctuation in general and its separate constituents, in particular, in the diachronic aspect with allocation and the description of the intrinsic characteristics of punctuation signs at the present stage of its development that allows to add some available knowledge in the field of the theory of punctuation.

The practical value of the research consists in the possibility of the use of its materials in the courses of theoretical and practical grammar, lexicology, in the practical courses of English and the computer-mediated communication, and also when writing term and final qualification papers. Besides, the practical value of the results received consists in the possibility of use of printing and electronic versions of the short dictionary of emoticons by quite a wide target audience to which practically any Internet and fashionable applications (WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram, Instagram, etc.) can be referred.

The structure of the work is determined by the aim and tasks. The paper consists of the introduction, two chapters, the conclusion, the bibliography and the appendix.