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11. Summary of the new findings of the thesis:

- The thesis contributed to researching a type of the common utterances in Vietnamese language. The direction of researching focus on specific objects is demand of the modern linguistics.

- The Vietnamese rhetorical question is formed from the interaction, unity, and the dialectic between the semantics-pragmatics components. These elements make up the general semantics - pragmatics structure of the rhetorical question as follows:

Rhetorical question appears when existing a different opinion, opposite and conflict with the speaker's point of view, and besides also exists a demand to resolve the conflict between the participants communicate;

The proposition of rhetorical questions is what other opinion, as opposed to the speaker's perspective at the time of speech.

The speaker thinks the other opinion is non-fiction, contradictory and not suitable for reality.

The implicit affirmative or negative proposition of rhetorical questions is contradictory of the other opinion.

The speaker temporarily accepts the other opinion in the possible world and questions it. By that way convince the addressee agree and accept the speaker's opinion.

- The rhetorical questions always are used like a tactics of communication with the great help of language factors and the speaker's purpose. Depending on the specific context, the rhetorical question can perform other indirect speech acts such as deny, advise, refuse, explain, etc... And cover the whole of the rhetorical question's functions is argumentation. The speaker use rhetorical questions as a tool of argument and relying on that bring about communication effect.

12. Practical applicability:

The researching result of the thesis will be probably applied in practicing and developing communication skills, grounding for researching about contractive study and teaching Vietnamese as a second language; compiling Vietnamese textbooks, Vietnamese teaching books for foreigners and philological teaching books, establish dictionary and machine translation...

13. Further research directions:

- Continue researching other rhetorical questions and complete overall picture of the Vietnamese interrogative.

- Approaching other pragmatics issue.

14. Thesis-related publications:

Le Thi Thu Hoai (2012), "The mechanism of implicit clauses in the rhetorical questions", *Journal of Language* (11), pp. 49-58

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