



I. Define the following terms with appropriate examples 36%

1. complementary distribution
2. critical age hypothesis
3. Principle of Compositionality
4. the interactionist position
5. code-switching
6. synthetic languages

II. Multiple choices 24%

1. Which natural class of sounds is characterized by the features [--continuant -- alveolar] ?
 (A). [p b] (B). [t d] (C). [w h] (D). [s n]
2. Choose one phonological rule operating in the derivation of the following
 lance /læns/ → [lænts] ?
 (A). A stop becomes a fricative when followed by another stop.
 (B). Between a nasal consonant and a voiceless fricative, a voiceless stop
 with the same place of articulation as the nasal is inserted.
 (C). Insert schwa between two sibilants.
 (D). An alveolar oral stop is realized as a flap *r* when it occurs after a stressed
 vowel and before an unstressed vowel.



3. For each pair of sentences X and Y below, choose the one that X does NOT entail Y.
- (A). X: Lily is a poodle. Y: Lily is a dog.
- (B). X: I live in Taipei. Y: I live in Taiwan.
- (C). X: At least 5 people will attend the meeting.
Y: At least 8 people will attend the meeting.
- (D). X: My son's last name is Mark. Y: My last name is Mark.
4. Which of the following is NOT the constituent of the sentence "My English teacher may expect me to revise my paper" ?
- (A). my paper (B). me to (C). revise my paper (D). My English teacher
5. What do the vowels in the words *beet*, *bit* have in common?
- (A). They are high vowels.
- (B). They are central vowels.
- (C). They are tense vowels.
- (D). They are back vowels.
6. Which of the following is the type of writing system for English ?
- (A). Every symbol or character represents a word or morpheme.
- (B). Each symbol represents a syllable.
- (C). Each symbol represents a consonant and vowels may be represented by diacritical marks.
- (D). Each symbol represents for the most part a vowel or consonant.



7. Which of the underlined word carries the role of Experiencer?
- (A). Helen drove to the party.
- (B). George gave the doorman a tip.
- (C). Mary saw the gun first.
- (D). Joan drank a glass of water.
8. Which of the following statement is true?
- (A). All of the speech sounds of English have a pulmonic ingressive airstream mechanism.
- (B). The brand name such as Kodak was made up without reference to any other existing words or word parts. This process in which new words come into a language is called coinage.
- (C). Words like “speaker” and “colder” have the same suffix.
- (D). Children at the two- word stage produce any two words in any order. Function words are used in their speech to convey the meaning of their utterances.

III. Problem solving 10%

There are some data from Polynesian languages. What are the proto sounds for “forbidden” and “keel”?

<u>Maori</u>	<u>Hawaiian</u>	<u>Samoaan</u>	<u>Fijian</u>	Gloss
tapu	kapu	tapu	tabu	“forbidden”
takere	ka?ele	ta?ele	takele	“keel”

**IV. Essay questions 30%**

1. Which of the following expressions is an example of “calque”?

How would you describe the others?

(A). luna de miel (Spanish) – honeymoon (English)

(B). mishin (Japanese) – machine (English)

(C). tréning (Hungarian) – training (English)

2. In what ways are these expressions “ambiguous”?

(A). Jack is an American history teacher.

(B). She can't bear children.

(C). I love Mary than you.

3. The following two sentences were produced by children of different ages.

Which would you expect from the older child and on which features did you base your answer?

(A). I not hurt him

(B). No the sun shining



- I. Rewrite the following fuzzy paragraph into a concise, clear, and easy to read paragraph. 50%

In early 1970 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration conducted an investigation to find funds from Congress for this new concept of a reusable space vehicle. The administration decided that the establishment of a careful approach on its part was an important necessity because some members of Congress would doubtless show a strong opposition to the replacement of the expendable Saturn rockets that had carried the Apollo astronauts to the moon. There was tremendous precision and careful documentation in the preparation and submission of the request to Congress.

- II. Write a letter to the editors of a famous international magazine discussing a social problem in your society and offering a possible solution to the question. In this letter you should explain the background of the problem and also your evaluation of the solution you offer. 50%