

八十六學年度 語言學研究 系(所) _____ 組碩士班研究生入學考試

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I. How would you demonstrate that a constituent is a noun phrase? In particular, on what basis would you decide that the underlined constituents in three of the following sentences are or are not noun phrases? (15%)

1. That Sheila left is obvious.
2. The gale broke my window.
3. It is obvious that Sheila left.
4. It rained yesterday.
5. There was an explosion.
6. The committee made significant headway.
7. He didn't pay sufficient heed to her warning.
8. Cora made inroads on Harry's supply of mccadamia nuts.

II. All of the following English words at one time had meanings that were quite different from their current ones.

Word	Earlier meaning
a) moody	'brave'
b) uncouth	'unknown'
c) aunt	'father's sister'
d) butcher	'one who slaughters goats'
e) witch	'male or female sorcerer'
f) sly	'skillful'
g) accident	'an event'
h) argue	'make clear'
i) carry	'transport by cart'
j) grumble	'murmur, make low sounds'
k) shrewd	'depraved, wicked'
l) praise	'set a value on'
m) ordeal	'trial by torture'
n) picture	'a painted likeness'

(a) tell what change has taken place in each case by comparing the meaning that it used to have with its current one and (b) classify the meaning change as to whether it is a case of broadening, narrowing or meaning shifts. (15%).

