

八十六學年度轉學生入學考試

科目 英語語言學概論 共 一 頁第 一 頁 *請在試卷【答案卷】內作答

Answer all of the following questions in English.

1. Define the following terms, giving examples whenever possible. 20 points.

idiom	discourse analysis
diphthong	semantics
palatalization	

2. Study the following data (from a Veracruz dialect of Aztec, Mexico) and then list all the morphemes and give the meaning of each morpheme. 15 points.

ikalwewe	'his big house'	petatcin	'little mat'
ikalsosol	'his old house'	ikalneh	'his houses'
ikalcin	'his little house'	komitneh	'cooking pots'
komitwewe	'big cooking pot'	petahneh	'mats'
komitsosol	'old cooking pot'	koyamecin	'little pig'
komitcin	'little cooking pot'	koyamewewe	'big male pig'
petawewe	'big mat'	koyameilama	'big female pig'
petatsosol	'old mat'	koyamemeh	'pigs'

3. This question has two parts. First, write the following words in phonetic transcription. Then study the phonetic forms of the **past tense morpheme** and (a) identify the three allomorphs and (b) formulate the rule for the environments in which each allomorph occurs. 25 points.

banned	squeezed
barred	stopped
dreaded	walked
passed	wanted
played	yelled

4. Draw phrase structure trees for the following sentences. 20 points.

- Hong Kong, a British colony for 150 years, was returned to Mainland China on July 1.
- CNN sent a team of nearly 100 people to Asia to cover the historic handover.
- Before the handover, Taiwan's TV networks competed vigorously to provide original stories about the real Hong Kong.
- What do you think of the way the media handled this event?

5. Except in the most extreme cases, all people learn language. Using your knowledge of general linguistics and psycholinguistics, explain which aspects of language seem to be innate and which appear to be learned. 20 points.