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语言学与应用语言学专业（050211）

语言学与应用语言学试卷

考试须知

- 1 本试卷共 9 页（不含本页）；其中问卷（Question Booklet）3 页（1-3），答题纸（Answer Sheet）6 页（4-9）。
- 1 本试卷共 10 个题目。这 10 个题目考生必须全部回答。
- 1 答题必须使用英文，书写必须工整、美观。
- 1 答案写在答题纸上，写在问卷上无效。
- 1 考生必须把准考证号填写在答题纸左边密封装订线内，不得在试卷的任何其它地方书写姓名、准考证号，或做任何标记。
- 1 答卷时间为 3 个小时。
- 1 考试时不得使用任何工具书、参考书及其它种类的辅助工具和文献资料。
- 1 考试结束后，问卷和答题纸全部交回。

MA Entrance Examination

Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

- 1. Provide a description, in terms of manner of articulation and voicing (if necessary), of your pronunciation of the initial consonants of the list of English words. (10%)**

Examples: 1) *mist* [+NASAL]

2) *bat* [+PLOSIVE, +VOICED]

- (a) *far*
- (b) *rope*
- (c) *thin*
- (d) *joke*
- (e) *gun*

- 2. In the following sentences there are seven verbs. Give their subcategorization frames and classify them accordingly. (10%)**

- (a) *He eats at home.*
- (b) *They slept in the cave.*
- (c) *I hit the man in the face.*
- (d) *She studies in a British school.*
- (e) *He worked in a small company.*
- (f) *She put a flower pot on the TV set.*
- (g) *We studied several subjects at school.*
- (h) *I like the car in that garage very much.*
- (i) *They ate a kind of wild fruit in the woods.*

- 3. State whether each pronoun in the following sentences is (i) free, (ii) bound or (iii) either free or bound. Consider each sentence independently. (10%)**

Example: *John said that he loved her.*

he: bound or free; her: free

- (a) *Whenever I see you, I think of her.*
- (b) *Louise said to herself in the mirror: "I'm so ugly."*
- (c) *The fact that he considers her pretty pleases Maria.*
- (d) *It seems that she and he will never stop arguing with them.*
- (e) *John discovered that a picture of himself was hanging in the post office, and that fact bugged him, but it pleased her.*

4. Study the given data and do the two tasks. (10%)

- (A) *John hit the dog with a bone.*
(B) (a) *What did John hit the dog with?*
(b) **What did John hit the dog with?*

Tasks: (1) The sentence in (A) is ambiguous. Draw a complete tree diagram to show the structure of the sentence for each interpretation.

(2) As shown in (B), in one interpretation we can ask about the phrase *a bone*, but in the other we cannot. Give your explanation.

5. In English, the idea of possession can be marked by an inflectional suffix (-'s) on the noun representing the 'possessor', placed before the noun that is 'possessed' (as in *John's car*). Other languages work differently. The data below are from a West African language called Basari, spoken in Ghana. Study them and do the two tasks that follow. (10%)

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| (A) (a) ('chief') | <i>uboti</i> |
| (b) ('wife') | <i>unimpu</i> |
| (c) ('farm') | <i>kusaau</i> |
| (B) (a) ('a man's chief') | <i>uninja botiu</i> |
| (b) ('a man's wife') | <i>uninja nimpuu</i> |
| (c) ('one wife') | <i>unimpu ubo</i> |
| (d) ('this man's one wife') | <i>uninja-nee nimpuu ubo</i> |
| (e) ('one farm') | <i>kusaau kubo</i> |
| (f) ('a man's farm') | <i>uninja saaku</i> |
| (g) ('a man's one farm') | <i>uninja saaku kubo</i> |
| (h) ('one man's farm') | <i>uninja ubo saaku</i> |

Tasks: (1) Describe how 'possession' is expressed in these Basari examples.

(2) If the Basari word for 'mortar' is *kukuntuu*, then how would you translate *uninja-nee nimpuu kuntuuku*?

6. A famous example of a sentence that is syntactically 'good' but semantically 'odd' was *Colorless green ideas sleep furiously*, suggested by Noam Chomsky (1957). How many mismatches of meaning are present in this one sentence? Can it be interpreted at all? Explain why or why not. (10%)

7. Below are samples of speech from children at three different stages in the acquisition process. Identify the most likely order (from least to most advanced) of these three stages and describe the features in each group of utterances which you would use as evidence to support your ordering. (10%)

(A) Stage X: *You want eat?*

I can't see my book

Why you waking me up?

(B) Stage Y: *Where those dogs goed?*

You didn't eat supper

Does lions walk?

(C) Stage Z: *No picture in there*

Where monna boot?

Have some?

8. All of the following expressions have deictic elements in them. What aspects of context have to be considered in order to interpret such expressions? State these aspects respectively. (10%)

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| (a) <i>Back in one hour</i> | (Notice on office door) |
| (b) <i>I'm not here now</i> | (Telephone answering machine) |
| (c) <i>Just do it</i> | (Advertisement for sports shoes) |
| (d) <i>Oh, no, I'm in last place!</i> | (Watching a horse race) |
| (e) <i>Oh, it's you</i> | (Answering a telephone) |
| (f) <i>YOU ARE HERE</i> | (On a map/directory) |
| (g) <i>Maybe I'm out of gas</i> | (In a car that won't start) |
| (h) <i>Where is she today?</i> | (Pointing to an empty chair) |

9. Observe the following interaction between two people who are working at nearby desks. Anne's first turn is an opening sequence. What does it signal, and what does Ed's response indicate? Why did Anne not merely open with *Do you have a ruler?* (10%)

Anne: *Ed?*

Ed: *Yeah?*

Anne: *Do you have a ruler?*

10. Answer ONE of the following two questions. (10%)

- (A) What is the difference between human language and animal language?
- (B) Linguistics is a leading science in the modern time and will be so in the future. Defend.