

Graduate exam 2006

1. Multiple-choice (10%):

- () 1. *Which statement is better?*
a) Phonology deals with the surface structure only
b) Phonetics deals with the deep structure only
c) Phonology deals with the mental representation
d) Phonetics deals with the underlying representation
- () 2. *In British English, what will sounds /t, d/ change in 'writer, reader'?*
a) no change b) they become [j] c) they become [ʃ]
- () 3. *Nasality is a _____ feature in English vowels*
a) redundant b) non-redundant
- () 4. _____ *is a group of sounds that share one or more distinctive features.*
a) A natural class b) The complementary distribution c) A slip of tongue
- () 5. *Which rule may occur when 'ask me' is uttered?*
a) epenthesis b) metathesis c) synthesis

B. (Essay) Questions

2. Please use English examples to explain any allophonic rule and neutralization rule.
How will you teach your students to learn both? (10%)
1) allophonic rule

2) neutralization rule

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3. Please explain English dissimilation rule (10%)

4. There is a language with a special /a/ as shown below. Please fill out the blanks to describe /a/ in each token (hint: any *morphological terms*?)(10%):

- 1) _____ /a-bi/ 2) _____ /i-a/
3) _____ /i-ā-hue/ 4) _____ /a-i-a/

C. Analysis

5. How will you analyze and teach your students: 1) unlockable and 2) synthetic buffalo hides? Is there any relation between 1) and 2)? (10%)

6. How will you analyze the first two sentences and their connection? Draw tree diagrams for each of these two sentences to explain. (20%)

1) The boy watched the girl with the telescope in the park

2) [頭一次看到我的她小鹿蹦蹦跳]

(Is there any connection between these two sentences?)

7. Please use any kind of linguistics theory to analyze the following *underlined phrases* in text (20%)

In this wonderful village you still can see them. Many still wear the dark colored (blue and black) skirts, sweaters, jackets and scarves around the head. Staphorst is quite famous even for us, as a place where the people stick to this tradition.

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All available men of village assemble with bows, arrows and swords to capture or track down the offender. If they succeed in capturing the culprit he is beaten black and blue and the abducted woman is recovered.

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8. What do you think about the relationship between *prestige dialect* and the application of code-switching in Taiwan? (10%)

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