系別：英文學系三年級   科目：英語語言學概論

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Introduction to English Linguistics

1. A: "I learned a new word today."
   B: "I learned a new sentence today."
   Are both of the two statements possible? If not, which one of them might not be true. Please explain your point based on some characteristics unique to human languages. (20%)

2. Please explain the differences between "homonym" and "polysemy" and give each of them three examples. (20%)

3. Consider the negative form of the following words:
   perfect → imperfect
   legal → illegal
   rational → irrational
   tangible → intangible
   Please explain why different prefixes are added to different words to form negatives. Is (Are) there a phonological rule (phonological rules) applied to the formation of negatives? (20%)

4. Why do we classify words of languages into two different kinds: content (open class) words and function (closed class) words? Please explain the important distinction from neurological and psychological perspectives. (20%)

5. Below is a list of words from Kanuri.

1. [gana]	'small'	[nəmgana]	'smallness'
2. [kura]	'big'	[nəmkura]	'bigness'
3. [kurugu]	'long'	[nəmkurugu]	'length'
4. [karite]	'excellent'	[nəmkarite]	'excellence'
5. [dibi]	'bad'	[nəmdibi]	'badness'

   a. What type of affix is shown (i.e. prefix, suffix, infix)? _____
   b. What is the affix? _____
   c. If [kəji] means 'sweet', what is the form for 'sweetness'? _____
   d. If [nəmgəla] means 'goodness', what is form for 'good'? _____
   e. What word-formation process is evident in the data? _____
   (20%)