

系別：英文學系三年級

科目：英語語言學概論

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Introduction to Linguistics

1. Please indicate the natural classes of the following groups of English sounds
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- a. [r, l]
- b. [k, g]
- c. [b, m, w, v]
- d. [θ, ð]

2. Consider the following inflected Japanese verb forms and answer the questions that follow. 20%

1. [tabeta] 'X ate Y'
2. [aketa] 'X opened Y'
3. [tabesaseta] 'X made Y eat Z'
4. [akesaseta] 'X made Y open Z'
5. [taberareta] 'X was eaten'
6. [akerareta] 'X was opened'
7. [tabesaserareta] 'X was made to eat Y'
8. [akesaserareta] 'X was made to open Y'
9. [tabesasenai] 'X doesn't/won't make Y eat Z'
10. [tabeunai] 'X doesn't/won't eat Y'
11. [tabesaserareru] 'X is/will be made to eat Y'

In Japanese, [kaita] means 'X buys something'. Using this fact along with what you have observed above, how would you say the following in Japanese.

1. X was made to buy something
2. X makes Y to buy something
3. X will not buy something.
4. X will be made to buy something

3. Please write phrase structure rules and draw tree diagrams for the following sentences. 30%

- a. Helen recited the poem which Wordsworth wrote.
- b. That dentist charged too much money for the dentures.

4. Many animals have communication systems but only humans have language. Please identify and explain some of the unique characteristics of human languages which distinguish human languages from other animal communication systems.