

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 explain arbitrariness of human languages and give five examples of different arbitrary signs or symbols and another five examples of signs or symbols in any communication system that directly show what they mean. (20%)
2. What are content words and function words? Why is it important to classify words of a language into content words and function words? Please explain from psychological and neurological perspectives. (20%)
3. Please explain the following linguistic terms: (20%)
 - a. lexical gap
 - b. free variation
 - c. onomatopoeia
 - d. S-selection
 - e. Universal Grammar
4. Please explain the linguistic term *entailment*, and state the entailments the following sentences might have. (20%)
 - a. Mary drank one more beer before leaving.
 - b. Valerie regretted not receiving a new T-shirt for Labor Day.
 - c. Let's pretend we are now in a movie theatre.
 - d. I forgot that I gave you the dictionary.
 - e. If I were you, I wouldn't have gone there.
5. Write the one proper description from the list under B for the italicized part of each word in A. (20%)

A	B
a. <i>impatient</i>	1. free root
b. <i>preschool</i>	2. bound root
c. proofreading	3. inflectional suffix
d. categorize	4. derivational suffix
e. <i>guiltless</i>	5. inflectional prefix
f. unfriendly	6. derivational prefix
g. properties	7. inflectional infix
h. radicalism	8. derivational infix
i. stepmother	
j. everlasting	