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系別：英文學系 B 組

科目：英語語言學概論

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1. How do we classify English vowels? What speech organs may be involved in the production of vowels? Please use examples to explain and list some types of vowels. (20%)
2. Please use examples to explain assimilation rules in phonology. (20%)
3. There are many ways that new words are added to a language. Among them, *blends* are commonly found in our daily conversations and formal or informal writing. Please explain what blends are and give examples to demonstrate how a blend is formed. (20%)
4. A professor was asked to write a letter of recommendation for a recent Ph.D. graduate who was applying for a teaching position. The letter went like this:

Dear Colleague:

Mr. John J. Jones has asked me to write a letter on his behalf. Let me say that Mr. Jones is unfailingly polite, is neatly dressed at all times, and is always on time for his classes. Undoubtedly, he has a lot of friends.

Sincerely yours,

Harry H. Homer

Please read the letter from the perspectives of maxims of conversation proposed by H. P. Grice. Please explain if the professor violate any maxim or maxims formulated in Grice's cooperative principles. (20%)

5. Do animals communicate? If they do, how? Are human languages we use to communicate similar to animal communication? If yes, in what way? If no, what are some of the characteristics specific to human languages? (20%)