

淡江大學 99 學年度博士班招生考試試題

系別：英文學系 B 組

科目：語 言 學

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1. "Most human behavior can be learned, including language." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Provide arguments and examples to defend your position. (33%)
2. Discuss the polysemous nature of the Mandarin Chinese morpheme 'le (了)' (33%)
3. In English, we are not allowed to mark both the possessive and the plural suffix '-s' simultaneously on the same noun. Therefore, *boy's* is a possible form, while *boys's* is not; instead, we have to coalesce the two suffixes into one: *boys'*. Some linguists argue that the constraint that functions in this phenomenon is a manifestation of the same constraint that regulates the "Third Tone Sandhi" of Mandarin Chinese. Can you identify the phono-morphological constraint that applies in both languages to explain the above phenomena, and then provide further examples which show similar linguistic restriction from either English or Mandarin Chinese. (34%)