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Answer the four questions in English.

1. A scientific study of language allows us to recognize “language myths” when we encounter them. Read the following statement and explain why it is a misperception and why such a misperception persists. (20%)

Some languages have no grammar.

2. Consider this sentence made up of nonsense words:

The binnly igs modded prunkish flonks.

Though we don't know the nonsense words, we can deduce quite a bit about them. Use your linguistic knowledge to decipher this nonsense sentence. (20%)

3. *A great deal of evidence shows that words are stored in semantic fields in our mental dictionaries.* Do you agree with the statement? Why? Provide words from different syntactic categories to support your answer. (30%)

4. An abundance of research in literacy development has demonstrated that when compared to other speakers of an alphabetic language, native Chinese speakers show a deficit in phonological awareness (PA). However, PA has been proved to play a crucial role in learning to read an alphabetic language. Based on the previous statements, explain *in the aspect of writing systems*

a. What is PA?

b. Why is PA significant in learning to read an alphabetic language?

c. How can PA be assessed?

d. Why do you think native Chinese speakers have comparatively insufficient PA skills? (30%)