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1. Please explain the difference(s) between presupposition (entailment) and implicature in language and state the presupposition(s) of the following sentences or implicature(s) of the following dialogues. (20%)
Presupposition:
 - a. We went to the ballpark again.
 - b. Mary was horrified to find a cockroach in her bed.
 - c. Valerie regretted not receiving a new T-shirt for Labor Day.Implicature:
 - d. Jack: Do you have the play tickets?
Laura: Didn't I give them to you?
 - e. Laura: What are Boston's chances of winning the World Series?
Jack: Do bowling balls float?
 - f. Laura: Did you mow the grass and wash the car like I told you to?
Jack: I mowed the grass.
2. Please use examples to explain productivity (or creativity) of human languages and state your arguments as to how this characteristic of human languages differs from communications of other species. (20%)
3. How would you describe what makes each of the following sentences odd? You might want to discuss the oddness of each sentence from the perspective of s-selection. (20%)
 - a. !The television drank my water.
 - b. !Your dog writes poetry.
 - c. !I ate a bowl of happiness for lunch with a plate of juice on the side.
 - d. !Colorless green ideas sleep furiously
4. One way contributing to language changes is through the addition of new words, e.g. eponyms and blends. Please use examples to explain what eponyms and blends are. (20%)
5. How do we decide whether two linguistic segments are in complementary distribution or in contrastive distribution? Based on our decision, how do we conclude whether the two segments are allophones of one phoneme or two different phonemes? (20%)