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1. The Oxford dictionary selected the word *post-truth* as word of the year 2016. According to the dictionary, *post-truth* is an adjective defined as 'relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief'. Rather than simply referring to 'the time after a specified situation or event' as in *post-war* or *post-season*, the prefix in *post-truth* has a meaning more like 'belonging to a time in which the specified concept has become unimportant or irrelevant'. The meaning of this word was originally 'after the truth was known', but now the new implication is that 'truth itself has become irrelevant'. Now answer the following two questions: (22%)

- (1) Do you think we should identify this word *post-truth* as a compound word or a complex word derived from derivational morphology? Explain the reasoning behind your identification.
- (2) Based on the brief introduction of this word, we know that *post-truth* has gained its new use in modern time. Can you think of any other word formation process that may be relevant to the meaning extension of this word?

2. Discuss all the ambiguities involved in the following sentence: (24%)

*John believes that student always tells the truth, and Joe does, too. However, I think he is a liar.*

3. Find an English word that meets the given condition: (24%)

- (1) A word contains three syllables.
- (2) A word contains one syllable, and the onset and the coda of this syllable is empty.
- (3) A word contains two free roots.
- (4) A word contains one derivational prefix, two derivational suffixes and one inflectional suffix.
- (5) A word contains a bound root and an inflectional affix.
- (6) A word contains six sounds.

4. Explain each of the following 'design features of language', and provide an example from either English or Mandarin Chinese to explain the feature. (30%)

- (1) Iconicity
- (2) Interchangeability
- (3) Discreteness