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入學考試

英語語言學概論 試題

(英語學系碩士班)

※請注意：答案須寫在答案卷，否則不予計分。

1. When drawing the tree diagram for a sentence, the category AUX is either proposed as a separate constituent from the subject NP and the VP or simply as a category under the VP node. Give evidence to demonstrate that one of the proposals in the above is more syntactically convincing. (15%)
2. Illustrated in the termed “wh-movement,” all of the *wh* words exhibit the “long distance” behavior. Here, you are required to 1) draw tree diagrams for the three sentences below to demonstrate the mentioned behavior, and then 2) explicate your reasons for all you have done. (15%)
  - (1) What would you like to see?
  - (2) Which color has Jane decided on?
  - (3) Where is Mary going for vacation?
3. What is allomorph? Cite examples from the language of English, showing that a set of morphophonemic rules are incorporated and thus result in the morphophonemic variations of one certain allomorph. (10%)
4. Language learning. (10%)
  - (1) What are the major differences between Chomsky’s and behaviorists’ points of view toward language learning?
  - (2) Why is the distinction between “competence and performance” important to Chomsky’s linguistic theory?
5. Why are phonemes and allophones considered mental constructs

rather than being defined in terms of their specific physical properties?  
(10%)

6. Define the following terms used in linguistics. (20%)

- (1) homonym
- (2) hyponym
- (3) lexicon
- (4) polysemy
- (5) pragmatics

7. What is meant by saying that language has a hierarchical structure?  
What is meant by the recursive property of language? (10%)

8. What are the maxims of conversation? (10%)