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注 意：1.不可使用計算機
2.請於答案卷(卡)作答，於
試題上作答，不予計分。

1. What are segmental features and suprasegmental features in phonology and what are their sequence of being learned in first and second language acquisition respectively? (10%)
2. The following sentence can be interpreted in many ways: "Time flies like an arrow" . When "Time files" functions as the subject of the sentence: (3A) what does this sentence mean? (3B) use three "Constituency Tests" to prove that "Time flies" forms a syntactical constituent. (20%)
3. Researchers have demonstrated that children acquire their first language through predictable stages, gradually progressing from basic sounds to complex sentences. The stages typically observed before children reach 2 or 3 years old include the babbling stage, holophrastic stage, two-word stage, and telegraphic stage. Define what each stage is and give examples. (10%)
4. Sociolinguistics and historical linguistics are two closely related fields within linguistics. What do the two fields share in common and what are the main differences between them? Illustrate your responses with examples. (20%)
5. One area of semantics explores the relationships between words. For example, "male" and "female" are antonyms, while "student" and "pupil" are considered synonyms to some extent. Use other semantic concepts within this area to explain why the following jokes are funny. (20%)

5A.

There was a teenage boy who worked in the produce section of the local market. A man came in and asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The boy said he would go ask his manager about the matter. So he walked into the back and said, 'There's some jerk out there who wants to buy only a half a head of lettuce.' As he was finishing saying this, he turned around to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, 'and this gentleman here wants to buy the other half.' The manager okayed the deal and the man went on his way. Later the manager called on the boy and said, 'You almost got yourself in a lot of trouble earlier, but I must say I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of it. You think on your feet and we like that around here. Where are you from, son?'

The boy replied, 'Canada, Sir.'

'Oh really? Why did you leave Canada?' asked the manager.

The boy replied, 'They're all just ugly boring women and hockey players up there.'

'Really,' replied the manager, 'My wife is from Canada!'

The boy replied, 'No kidding! What team did she play?'

5B.

The President got something wrong with his brain and he went to see a doctor. After medical examination, the doctor told the President: "Your brain has two parts: one is left, and another is right. Your left brain has nothing right. Your right brain has nothing left."

6. (6A) Use thematic roles in semantics to explain two possible meanings of the sentence: 'The chicken is ready to eat.' (6B) What is a case marker in morphology? (6C) Is a case marker present in the above English sentence? (20%)