

靜宜大學 97 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

系所：英國語文學系（乙組）

科目：語言學概論

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- I. Identify the following groups of sounds in English, using the IPA: 15%
- A. voiceless stops
 - B. nasal stops
 - C. high back vowels
 - D. interdental fricatives
 - E. sibilants
- II. Define “Universal Grammar” (UG) and explain how it is related to the grammar of individual languages. 10%
- III. What is modern linguists’ attitude towards language change? 10%
- IV. What are the kinds of affixes used in English word formation? Give examples. 10%
- V. Sentences B and C are derived from A. Explain why sentence C is not acceptable in English – what syntactic constraint exists in doing “PP preposing”? 10%
- A. The bird in my hand jumped to the floor.
 - B. To the floor, the bird in my hand jumped.
 - C. * In my hand, the bird jumped to the floor.
- VI. What is “C-selection”? Give an example. 10%
- VII. The “head-complement” relationship in phrases is a universal trait in human language. Explain it with examples from English. 10%
- VIII. Identify the thematic role of each NP in the following sentences. A thematic role can be *agent*, *theme*, *instrument*, *source*, *goal*, or *experiencer*. 10%
- A. The ice melted.
 - B. The farmer loaded the hay onto his truck.
 - C. With a telescope, the cop saw the thief.
 - D. Mary bought the book from John
- IX. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences. Sentence A contains ambiguity. Sentence B involves transformation. 15%
- A. The hunter shot the lion under the big tree.
 - B. What will Max chase?