

Final Exam Exercise

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Phonetics

1. Transcribe the following words phonemically using IPA:

a. bang

b. crush

c. lathe

d. button

e. lose

f. broth

g. think

h. edge

i. bad

j. tint

2. Describe the following IPA symbols and give word examples:

a. [t]

b. [i]

c. [ɑ]

d. [ʃ]

e. [v]

f. [ŋ]

g. [tʃ]

h. [dʒ]

i. [ə]

j. [ʊ]

Morphology

1. "-ish" in the word "punishment" is

a. an infix

b. a base

c. a part of a root

2. "-ed" in the word "called" in the sentence "John called Mary." is
- a. a prefix
 - b. an inflectional suffix
 - c. a derivational affix
3. What process is involved in formation of the word "camcorder"?
- a. blending
 - b. conversion
 - c. clipping

Explain your answer!

4. What process is involved in formation of the word "laser"?
- a. abbreviation
 - b. clipping
 - c. acronym

Explain your answer!

5. English verbs are inflected for: _____
(e.g. gender, case, tense, number, aspect, person, negation, voice)

6. English prepositions are inflected for: _____
(e.g. gender, case, tense, number, aspect, person, negation, voice)

Phonology

1. Define the following five distinctive features. For each of these features, give two examples of segments that bear the “+” value:
- a. coronal
 - b. nasal
 - c. high
 - d. labial
2. Syllable structure
- a. What do we mean by the “coda” of a syllable?
 - b. Does every syllable have a “coda”? Why or why not?

3. What is the syllable structure (including the phonetic transcription) of the following words:
- a. avocado
 - b. catalogue
 - c. napkin

Syntax

1. Draw the syntactic tree(s) for the following sentences:
- a. John called the man from Paris.
 - b. The raft is floating down the river.

c. The book was read by the children.

2. Explain the difference between lexical and structural ambiguity using two example sentences and their structure.