

This final examination consists of nine sections. You should answer all parts of each section. Please follow the instructions for each section carefully, and hand in the exam paper when you are finished.
Good luck!

1 Are the following statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)? Circle the correct answer in the right margin.
[10 statements in total, each worth 1 point]

- (1) The fact that the English words *pill* and *till* form a minimal pair of semantically different words tells us that voicing is a distinctive feature for word-initial obstruents in English. T F
- (2) The fact that *the child's parents* and *the children's parents* are both grammatical shows that the English genitival marker 's is a morpheme whose distribution is not sensitive to the number specification of the possessor. T F

2 From the adjectives in (1a–e), two different types of nouns can be derived; from the one in (1f), the noun ending in *-ness* is grammatically derivable but the one ending in *-ity* is not.

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| (1) | a. | animose | animosity | animoseness |
| | b. | bellicose | bellicosity | bellicoseness |
| | c. | grandiose | grandiosity | grandioseness |
| | d. | morose | morosity | mososeness |
| | e. | verbose | verbosity | verboseness |
| | f. | comatose | *comatosity | comatoseness |

With these data in mind, consider the following statements and circle the one(s) that is/are correct:

- 1pt A The suffix *-ness* used in the rightmost column is a Level II suffix, attached at the morpheme (+) boundary.
- 1pt B The non-existence of **comatosity* is a case of blocking in the sense of Aronoff, with the blocker being the underived noun *coma*.
- 1pt C By the logic of Aronovian blocking, the existence of the nouns *belligerence* and *belligerency*, both synonyms of *bellicosity*, ought to have made *bellicosity* impossible.
- 1pt D The nouns *grandiosity* and *grandeur* do not stand in a relationship of blocking because they are not semantically equivalent.

[There will be 6 more sections of this type on the exam, each worth 4 points. These will cover the entire range of topics addressed throughout the semester. Sections 2–8 will earn you a maximum of 28 points.]

9 Fill in the blanks. (Write your completions directly on the exam paper in the spaces provided.)
[for a total of 12 points]

- 1pt a. In the structure of the syllable, the position that is mapped into the Rhyme together with the Nucleus is called the _____.
- 1pt b. In the sentence *Dolly is a she-goat*, we find a nominative pronoun inside a _____.
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