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CLASS 10: IN-CLASS MID-TERM EXAM

QUESTION 1

30 POINTS

Consider the following English words:

<i>Q1.1: 5 POINTS</i>
<i>Q1.2: 18 POINTS</i>
<i>Q1.3: 7 POINTS</i>

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| (a) apply | (f) miserable |
| (b) applies | (g) preplan |
| (c) deactivations | (h) prettier |
| (d) delight | (i) reserve |
| (e) deform | (j) reuse |

1. Circle all the words that you think are complex.
2. List all morphemes in *deactivations* and say as much about them as you can (e.g. their meaning or function, categorial features, attachment properties, and so on).

3. Give the structure of three of the complex words (in tree format or bracketing).

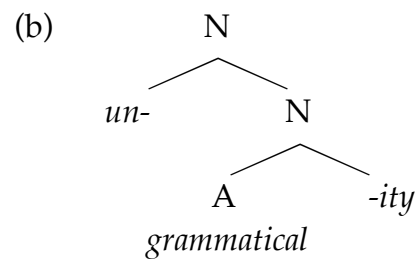
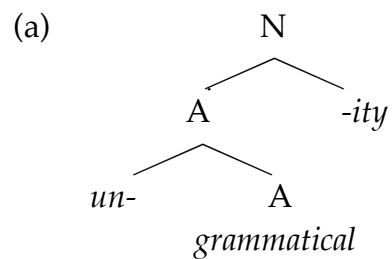
QUESTION 2**30 POINTS****Consider the following affixes:**

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| (a) -ity | (f) non- |
| (b) re- | (g) -ly |
| (c) -ness | (h) sub- |
| (d) -ous | (i) -al |
| (e) -ive | (j) con- |

For each one, determine (and justify!) whether it is a primary or a secondary affix. (Hint: For justification, finding actual examples is going to be a big help.)

QUESTION 3**10 POINTS****An exercise in morphological tree structure.**

Which of the two structures is correct for the word *ungrammaticality*? Provide the relevant arguments to support your conclusion.



QUESTION 4**20 POINTS****An exercise in compounding.**

<i>Q4.1: 6 POINTS</i> <i>Q4.2: 10 POINTS</i> <i>Q4.3: 4 POINTS</i>
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1. Draw a tree structure for each of the following compounds:

(a) football

(b) lead free

(c) sunbather

(d) in-crowd

(e) overbook

(f) walkman

2. For each of these compounds indicate which ones are *endocentric* and which are *exocentric*. Justify your answers if necessary (namely, for all the *exocentric* ones).

3. How do you form the plural of *walkman*? Why?

QUESTION 5**10 POINTS**

Why are the following words a problem for the Level Ordering Hypothesis?

- (a) civilization
- (b) cow puncher
- (c) vice presidential
- (d) set theoretic

BONUS [ATTMEPT THESE ONLY ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED Q1-5!]

1. Show how the notion of a *cycle* can account for the problems posed by Question 5.
2. Zero-derivation or conversion turns a lexeme of category X into a lexeme of category Y. Considering pairs like *cut – cut*, *play – play*, *love – love* etc., determine (and justify!) whether the conversion proceeds from N to V or from V to N.
3. Using morphemic rules, account for the allomorphy in English plural formation.

