LING 101 Mid-Term Outline

Note: exact topics and point distribution may vary slightly, but this is a rough guide to help you study

There are 17 questions, 20 pts total on this exam.

- ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON THE SCANTRON SHEETS (#2 pencil): 1-15
- ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON THE ANSWER SHEETS: 16, 17

1. (1pt.) E

One or more of these topics: Language is always gradually changing, dialect vs. language (mutual intelligibility def'n), political interference in characterization of 'language', and prescriptive vs. descriptive approaches

2, 3 (2pts.) E

Language families for these languages (you only need to know the highest-level historical family, e.g. 'Indo-European', 'Salish', etc. You do not need to know branches within the families (e.g. you do not need to mark 'Germanic' or 'West-Germanic', etc.):

Halq'emeylem (aka Halkomelem) - Salish Family
Squamish sqwxwu?məʃ snitʃim] - Salish Family
English (IE Family, Germanic Branch)
German (IE Family, Germanic Branch)
Hindi/Urdu (IE Family, Indo-Aryan Branch)
Romani (IE Family, Indo-Aryan Branch)
Tok Pisin (English-based creole, but not usu. counted as IE)
Kannada (Dravidian)

4,5 (2 pts.) M

English dialects: Canadian vs. RP vs. Cockney (identify the dialect, and/or describe sound changes and features specific to this dialect)

6,7,8,9 (4 pts.) M

Distinctive consonants in English, German, and Halq'emeylem. For each C know: Is it voiced?

Where is the point of contact, or closest closure? How is it made? (in terms of these manners: stops, fricatives, nasal stops, affricates, ejectives, rounded C's, laterals, and the lateral fricative)

10,11 (2pts.) M

Same sound, different linguistic status for: $7 + r p^h t^h k^h$, in various languages. Know the status of each (ie. distinctive or not) for English and Halq'emeylem, and the status of 7 for English, Halq'emeylem, and Hawaiian.

12. (1pt.) E

English phonotactics as covered in class, constraints on $\bf n$ $\bf 3$ $\bf h$, $C_1C_2C_3V...$ (we will test on C1 and C2 only, C3 can be a liquid or a glide but we won't test that), and historical changes w.r.t $\bf sk$ and $\bf kn$

13. (1 pt.) M

Germanic sound shifts: (i) Sound changes differentiating Proto-Germanic from IE (Grimms' Law) and (ii) Sound changes differentiating Old Germanic from modern German (High German C shifts)

14,15 (2pts.) M

Creative problem solving, based on new data, analyzing sound-changes and/or phonotactics. Data may be from English, or any language.

16. (2.5 pts). H

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