New sample

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Section I

1. Provide a word which contains a derivational affix. Draw the simple tree for the word.

2. How are the following words related (e.g. compound, derivational affix)?

a. go – went:

b. see – sees:

c. compute – computerized:

d. warm – warmth:

3. The description in (a) is a good example of a word's ....:

a. The first man to travel to Venus

4. Which of the following are homophones?

a. yellow – painted

b. bright (shiny) – bright (smart)

c. tail – tale

d. bright – dark

e. shower (rain) – shower (in the bathroom)

5. In a V-initial language, one expects prepositions/postpositions (cross out the wrong answer) and auxiliaries to occur before/after the verb.

Section II: morphology

Examine the following words from Michoacan Aztec, a language of Mexico, and answer the questions that follow.

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1. [nokali]	'my house'	6. [mopelo]	'your dog'
2. [nokalimes]	'my houses'	7. [mopelomes]	'your dogs'
3. [mokali]	'your house'	8. [ikwahmili]	'his cornfield'
4. [ikali]	'his house'	9. [nokwahmili]	'my cornfield'
5. [nopelo]	'my dog'	10. [mokwahmili]	'your cornfield'

a. Fill in the blanks with the corresponding Michoacan morphemes:

_____ 'house'   _____ 'my'
_____ 'dog'   _____ 'your'
_____ 'cornfield'   _____ 'his'
_____ (plural marker)

b. What is the English translation for the Michoacan word [ipelo]?

c. How would you say 'his cornfields' in Michoacan?

7.   Draw trees for:

teahouses   -   inabilities   -   whiteboardmarkers

8.   Look at the following words. Can you find a generalization for the morpheme that combines with an adjective to mean 'not'?

impartial [ɪmparʃəl]   incompetent [ɪŋkɔmpətənt]
inability [ɪnəbɪ...]   imprudent [ɪmprudənt]
incomplete [ɪŋkɔm...]   immortal [ɪmmɔrtəl]

Are there other words that come to mind that fit the pattern?

Section III: syntax

9. On the basis of the following sentence from Korean, find the Phrase Structure rules for this language, or draw a tree using VP and IP and possibly CP. How is this different from English?

ki sonyon-iee wiyu-lil masi-ass-ta
the boy-NOM milk-ACC drink-PAST-ASSERTION
'The boy drank milk'.

10. Draw a tree for the following sentence (please use the back of the page):

Will they know how to draw trees without looking at examples?

Section IV: semantics

11. Specify the source of the breakdown in communication (i.e. joke) in the conversation below. Make use of semantic concepts:

    Speaker A: Is your fridge running?
    Speaker B: Yes.
    Speaker A: Better go catch it!

12. The sentence below is ungrammatical. Please explain why (perhaps by drawing a tree):

    *Themselves washed the javelinas in a pool.

13. The following is a letter of recommendation. What Maxim is violated?

    Dear Colleague

    Mr Jones has asked me to write a letter of recommendation. I would like to say that Mr. Jones is always on time for his classes.

    Sincerely,

    Mary Miller

Good luck!