

English 227: Introduction to Language  
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**FINAL EXAM (Time: 2 hours)**

**I. DEFINITIONS: Provide an appropriate definition for each of the following expressions. (20 points)**

1. Meaning shifts
2. Regional dialect (vs. accent)
3. Logographic writing system
4. Pidgin
5. Loan translation
6. Isogloss
7. Consonantal alphabet writing system
8. Euphemism
9. Lingua franca
10. Jargon

**II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. Describe and give examples of three phonological features of Ebonics/African American English (AAE) and two syntactic differences between AAE and Standard American English. (15 points)
2. Answer the following questions concerning language families: (15 points)
  - a. What major family of languages does English belong to?
  - b. Name three genetically related languages in this family (and specify their ancestral protolanguage).
  - c. Identify three other major language families and name one language that belongs to each.
3. How does the study of loan words in English help us in following the history of English-speaking peoples? In answering this question, make sure you provide examples of loan words in English from different languages and discuss the *kinds* of loan words and the (approximate) time they entered English. (20 points)

