



Final Exam

I. Explain why the following sentences are unacceptable: (20 pts)

- a. *We visited him, a well-known actor.
- b. *The bread cuts.
- c. *We take often exams.
- d. *What does the book cost?

II. Diagram the following sentences. (30 pts)

- a. I have lived all the years of my life in Bybanks, a caboodle of houses on the Ohio river.
- b. It certainly was a shock to behold the enemy, serenely sitting on the sofa with the strong-minded sister, and wearing an expression of abject submission.

III. There are phrases in English called *idioms*, which are interpreted nonliterally. Some examples are given in (i) below. (12 pts)

- (i) a. The guy kicked the bucket. (=The guy died)
- b. Lionel kept close tabs on his sister. (=Lionel had his sister under surveillance)

1. Apply wh-movement to the direct object noun phrases in the sentences above.
2. What happens to the idiomatic interpretation in those contexts? Do you get the same effect when wh-movement applies to the subject noun phrases?
3. Apply wh-movement to the complement noun phrases in (ii) below:

- (ii) a. The book costs a lot of money.
- b. The truck weighs a ton.

4. What is common between the direct object noun phrases in the idioms in (i) and the complement noun phrases in (ii) (*with respect to wh-movement*)?

IV. For each of the interrogatives below, specify the type of question *AND* the speaker's intent in using it (*it may be helpful to construct a context in which the question under discussion can be used*). (24 pts)

- a. Do you drink tea?
- b. Was Buzz Aldrin the first man on the moon?
- c. Why don't you paint the room?
- d. What's a nice day? (*uttered after someone says "Have a nice day!"*)

V. a. In the interaction below, explain why B's response to A's question is odd. (14 pts)

- A: What time does the sun rise tomorrow?
B: The sun doesn't rise, the earth rotates.

- b. Explain why a listener will not interpret the question *Must you take out the garbage?* as a request to take out the garbage (compare with *Are you taking out the garbage?*)