

Master of Arts EXAMINATION, 2017

1st year 2nd semester

Linguistics

Syntax

Course V

Time: 2hrs

Full marks 30

Answer *q.no. 5* is compulsory and any *two* from the following.

1. Consider the data from WARLPIRI

What is the meaning of each of the affixes (suffixes) glossed with -A, -B, -C, -D, and -E. Can you relate these suffixes to thematic relations? Which ones? How many theta roles can you identify??

2+5+3=10

a) Lungkarda ka ngulya-ngka nguna-mi.

bluetongue AUX burrow-A lie-NON.PAST

"The bluetongue skink is lying in the burrow."

b) Nantuwu ka karru-kurra parnka-mi.

horse AUX creek-B run-NON.PAST

"The horse is running to the creek."

c) Karli ka pirli-ngirli wanti-mi.

boomerang AUX stone-C fall-NON.PAST

"The boomerang is falling from the stone."

d) Kurdu-ngku ka-jana pirli yurutu-wana yirra-rni.

child-D AUX stone road-E put.NON.PAST

"The child is putting stones along the road."

2. Show movements and state why the following constructions are grammatical or ungrammatical

i. It seems [that Mark_i is likely [t_i to have left]].

2.5 x 4 = 10

ii. *Mark_i seems that is likely [t_i to have left].

iii. *Mark_i seems that it is likely [t_i to have left].

iv. John is eager to know whether bill has left.

3. Using the very limited data from Welsh below, construct an argument that Welsh has V to T movement. Do not worry about the alternation in the form of the word for "dragon," it is irrelevant to the answer to the question.

a) Gwelodd Siôn ddraig.

saw.PAST John dragon

"John saw a dragon."

b) Gwnaeth Siôn weld draig.

do.PAST John seen dragon.GEN

"John saw a dragon."

4. Explain why the following sentences are ungrammatical. For each sentence, say what the binding domain of the NP causing the problem is, if it is c-commanded by its binder (antecedent), and name the binding condition that is violated.

a) *Michael_i loves him_i.

b) *Victor_i loves Michael_i.

c) *Michael_i's father_j loves herself_i.

d) *John_i's father_j loves him_j.

e) *Susan_i believes that Bill should marry herself_i.

f) *Rio thinks that Rita_i should kiss her_i.

5. Write short notes any 4

2.5x4 =10

a) T → C movement

b) EPP

c) Affix hopping

d) Free genitive

e) True specifier

f) PRO

g) Prepositional case