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You must attempt all 15 questions. An exact one-word/phrase answer should be provided in the space given or chosen (circled) out of the given options. Copying and/or helping others during the exam is strictly prohibited (10 minus points for all such activities).

1. What is the English spelling for /rɑ̃dɑ̃vu/? (1)

Ans. Rendezvous. (1)

2. In response to a doctor's query about the 2016 Rio Olympics, a patient fluently talks about the upcoming UP elections. His 'language disorder' is likely to be diagnosed as... (1)

Ans. Vernike Aphasia. X

3. A 4 year old human child finds a ball lying in a deep ditch outside his house and reports it to his father who is sitting in the living room. (1)

Ans. This reporting is possible because of the displacement (1) feature of human language.

4. AAVE has two sentences 'I be working' (Standard American English: 'I am employed') and 'I working' (Standard American English: 'I am working right now'). Write the AAVE sentence where -ing is a progressive marker. (2)

Ans. ~~I been working~~ I working (2)

5. A split-brain patient is shown an event with two dancing puppets in his left visual field. Will he be able to articulate the sentence 'Two puppets are dancing'? (2)

Ans. A) Yes ☒ B) No (2)

6. C.S. is an extremely friendly and endearing person who likes to act in plays and also talk about his love for the arts. However, he has a low IQ and finds simple cognitive tasks such as counting money and tying shoelaces extremely difficult. His condition may be diagnosed as...(2)

Ans. William's disorder (2)

7. Your English language teacher reprimands you for uttering 'Furnitures are very expensive'. This sentence is an error from the perspective of...(1)

Ans: (1)
☒ A) Prescriptive grammar B) Descriptive grammar

8. A native speaker of British English while referring to England's 'dear old queen' utters 'three cheers for our queer old dean'. This is an error of...(1)

Ans: (1)
A) Competence ☒ B) Performance

9. Give the IPA representation of the English word 'Pneumonia'. (1)

Ans. ~~[nɪmənɪə]~~ [nɪmənɪə] (1)

~~bag~~ | ~~boat~~

10. Both Isabelle and Chelsea were diagnosed with deafness, but at different ages. With medical help, Isabelle learnt to speak frequently, while Chelsea produced word salads. Who do you think was diagnosed before 12 years of age? (1)

Ans. Isabelle. (1)

11. A patient utters the following...

Yes ... No ... oh ... Tuesday ... er Dad and ... ah ... Henry ... Mom, and Dad ... er school ... and ah oh ... tomorrow five o'clock ... and no ... yesterday ... six o'clock, ah teacher ... nine ... some nurses ... and ah ... school ... yah.

Brain imaging shows damage to his... (1)

Ans. Broca's. (1) area.

12. Write the letter in the word 'massacre' that has two different phones. (1)

Ans. 'a' (1)

13. In the word 'Codify', how many phones are represented by the letter 'y'? (1)

Ans:

A) 1

☒ B) 2

C) 3

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14. A linguist utters the following English sentence in the class, 'English has relative clauses that superficially resemble the relative clauses in other languages.' Which feature of human language is best illustrated through this sentence? (1)

Ans. Reflexivity .

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15. A native speaker of Indian English utters, 'I gave a book to John' and 'To John, I gave a book'. These sentences are evidence of... (3)

Ans. discreteness, duality of partitioning and, displacement features of human language.

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