## Problem No. 5 (15 Points):

## **Amharic**

Consider the following English sentences and their translations into the Amharic language written out in Latin transcription:

1. She tastes coffee, not juice.

bunna ənği čəmmaki atkamsəm

2. You sell a horse, not a mule.

färäs ənği bäklo atšätum

3. She rides a mule, not a camel.

bäbäklo ənği bägəmäl athedəm

4. You like fish.

asa təwäddalläh

5. She fries chicken.

doro tətäbsalläč

6. You do not taste meat.

səga atķämsum

7. He goes by train.

bäbabur yəhedal

8. They sell a chicken.

doro yəšätallu

9. You choose a car.

mäkina təmärtallačhu

10. They taste meat, not fish.

səga ənği asa aykämsum

Assignment 1. Translate into English:

- 1. asa təkämsalläh
- 2. čəmmaki təšäţallačhu
- 3. färäs aymärtum

Assignment 2. Translate into English in all possible ways:

bäbabur ənği bämäkina athedəm

Assignment 3. Translate into Amharic:

- 1. They like fish, not meat.
- 2. You ride a horse.
- 3. He does not fry a chicken.
- 4. She chooses a camel.

Note.  $\check{s}$  is pronounced similarly to English sh as in show,  $\check{c}$  is pronounced similarly to English ch as in cheap, a and  $\ddot{a}$  are specific vowels of the Amharic language,  $\check{g}$ ,  $\check{c}$ , t and k are specific consonants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amharic is a Semitic language spoken by more than 17 million people in Ethiopia.