

Problem No. 6. [20 Marks]

A. Examine the data of an English child and answer the following questions: (10 Marks)

1. Don't giggle me [=make me giggle].
2. He cried me [=made me cry].
3. But I can't eat her. [= feed]
4. Please see me the book. [=show]
5. I disappeared the bear at the back of the car. [=made the bear disappear]
6. Who died him? [=killed]

Identify the pattern of errors in the child language data. Attempt an explanation for this pattern.

B. Examine the data from child language given below: [10 Marks]

Set A

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| i. [bek] 'peg' | ii. [gi] 'key' |
| iii. [gAm] 'come' | iv. [di] 'tea' |
| v. [bæk] 'bag' | vi. [bæt] 'bad' |
| vii. [bæt] 'pad' | viii. [bæt] 'bat' |

Set B

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| i. [dut] 'juice' | ii. [don] 'John' |
| iii. [deidi] 'lady' | iv. [dait] 'light' |
| v. [deidi] 'lazy' | |

- a. **Account for the changes in consonants in the child's pronunciation (informally). How many sounds in the adult vocabulary are realized as [d] in the child's pronunciation?**
- b. **Can you predict how the child is likely to pronounce the word 'Sally'?**