Linguistics 201

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Write in plain English orthography the following transcribed passage.

[ In ðis bok, ða ijjalist pouzi∫an iz terkin four græntid. ðæt iz, ?ar asumd ðæt ða prasiðjiral θijrijz ?ar waz atemtin tuw rijfarn, ekstend, ?ænd kourekt did merk ?æn ?impijrakal kleim. ?a græmir datirimind bar a lingwistik θijrij (given derta) kanstituts ?a harpaθasis kansirnin ða spijkir-hijrirz naleð; ?av hiz længwið; ?ænd iz tuw bij kanfirmid ?owr diskanfirmid in tirmz ?av impijrakal evidens dran, ?altimetlij, fram investiger∫an ?av ða lingwistik ?imtuwi∫anz ?av ða længwið; juwzir. ða ðæniral θijrij, nau ragardid ?æz an ?eksplænatowrij θijrij, ?iz larkwaiz tuw bij ?andirstud æz ?a sarkalaðrikal θijrij ðæt ?atemps tuw kerriktiraiz ða ?imert hjuwmen "længwið fækaltij," ?ænd ðæt kæn bij testid ?im tirmz ?av ?its kansakwensiz in partikjuwlir længwiðgiz.]

## Answer:

In this book, the realist position is taken for granted. That is, I assumed that the procedural theories I was attempting to refine, extend, and correct did make an empirical claim. A grammar determined by a linguistic theory (given data) constitutes a hypothesis concerning the speaker-hearer's knowledge of his language and is to be confirmed or disconfirmed in terms of empirical evidence drawn, ultimately, from investigation of the linguistic intuitions of the language-user. The general theory, now regarded as an explanatory theory, is likewise to be understood as a psychological theory that attempts to characterize the innate human "language faculty," and that can be tested in terms of its consequences in particular languages.

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Transcribe the following passage as your informant pronounces it.

The search for an explanatory linguistic theory, now understood in the "realist" sense, is, naturally, closely related to the investigation of linguistic universals. General properties of language, if not merely historical accident and thus of no real interest, must be attributable to an interaction of genetically determined mechanisms of mind and uniformities in the empirical conditions of language use and acquisition.

## Answer:

[ ðə sɨɹtʃ foʊɪ æn ɛksplænɪtoʊɹij lɪŋgwɪstɪk θijɹij, naʊ ʌndɨɹstʊd m ðə "ɹijəlɪst" sɛns, ʔɪz, nætʃɹəlij, kloʊslij ɹəleɪtɪd tuw ðə ɪnvɛstɪgeɪʃʌn ʔʌv lɪŋgwɪstɪk juwnɪvɨɹsʌlz. ʤɛnɨɹʌl pɹɑpɨɹtiz ʌv læŋgwɪʤ, ʔɪf nɑt mijɹlij hɪstoʊɹɪkʌl æksədɛnt ʔænd ðʌs ʌv noʊ ɹijl ʔɪntʃɹʌst, mʌst bij ʔətʃɹɪbjuwtʌbl tuw æn ɪntɨɹækʃʌn ʔʌv ʤənɛtɪklij dətɨɹmɪnd mɛkənɪzɪmz ʌv maɪnd ʔænd juwnɪfoʊɹmʌtijz in ðə ʔɪmpiɹəkʌl kʌndɪʃʌnz ʔʌv læŋgwɪʤ juws ʔænd ækwɨzɪʃʌn. ]



Give the IPA symbol corresponding to each of the following sounds.

- a. voiced, bilabial, nasal, stop = [m]
- b. voiced, postavleolar, non-nasal, fricative = [3]
- c. voiced, velar, nasal, stop =  $[\eta]$
- d. voiceless, postalveolar, affricate = [tf]
- e. voiceless, alveolar, fricative = [s]
- f. back, high, tense, rounded, vowel = [uw] or [u]
- g. front, low, lax, unrounded, vowel = [æ]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "postalveolar" is the same thing as "alveo-palatal."