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Sixth Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad

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Solutions

Problem 1.

1. Sentence structure: (S) T V O

	past tense	future tense	
- T =	nno	ka	S = 1 st SG
	o	e	S = 2 nd SG
	mV *	a	S = 3 rd SG

* V = following vowel

2. Possession (N₁'s N₂):

Possessee		+	Possessor	
N ₂ - kin terms, body parts			-ku 1 st SG	
N ₂ a - food			-m 2 nd SG	
N ₂ ma - drinks			-na 3 rd SG	
N ₂ bula - animals ($\not\exists$ pig)			-n N ₁ noun	
N ₂ no - others (\ni pig)				

- (a) *pig*
- (b)
 - 13. *I ate the chief's pig.*
 - 14. *He will bite his chicken meat.*
 - 15. *You (SG) looked at the cat.*
- (c)
 - 16. **viriu bulam ma an batun masi**
 - 17. **mo ote niu nom**
 - 18. **ka sile vamol maku**
- (d)
 - 19. **baheo amiu** — D. *your (PL) shark meat*
 - 20. **nani bulara** — C. *their goat*
 - 21. **tinamam** — B. *our (EXCL) mother*
 - 22. **voi noda** — A. *our (INCL) guest*