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Individual Contest Problems

Do not copy the statements of the problems. Write down your solution to each problem on a separate sheet or sheets. On each sheet indicate the number of the problem, the number of your seat and your surname. Otherwise your work may be mislaid or misattributed.

Your answers must be well-argumented. Even a perfectly correct answer will be given a low score unless accompanied by an explanation.

Problem #1 (20 points). Here are some words in Yidiny and their English translations:

guda:ga	dog	gudagabi	another dog
buja	woman	ga:jagimba:m	from a white man
wagu:ja	man	bijji:ngu	for a hornet
muyubara	stranger	bimbixn	of a father
ga:jagimba:gu	for a white man	mu:jam	mother
bamagimbal	without a person	bijji:nmu	from a hornet
bama:gu	for a person	maju:rbi	another frog
bimbi:bi	another father	bunagimbal	without a woman
mularigu	for an initiated man	ba:jigalni	of a tortoise
mularini	of an initiated man	judu:lumu:jay	with a pigeon
buna:m	from a woman		

The mark “*y*” indicates that the preceding vowel is long.

- (a) Mark the long vowels (if any): **mugarumu** from a fishing net
waŋalgu for a boomerang

(b) Mark the long vowels (if any) and translate into English:
baman, bunabi, maŋurmujay, muŋamni.

(c) Translate into Yidiny:
of a stranger, for a fishing net, father, from a frog

⚠ The Yidiny language belongs to the Pama–Nyungan family. It is spoken by approx. 150 people in the state of Queensland, Australia. **L**, **n**, **r** are consonants.

— Bozhidar Bozhanov, Ivan Derzhanski