

Sixth Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad

7 – 21 April 2024

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 (N
- ₁
- 's N
- ₂
-):

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 (≠ <i>pig</i>)	+	-n N ₁ noun
N ₂ no- others (≧ <i>pig</i>)		

- (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*