

Fifth Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad

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Solutions

Problem 1.

1. Verb structure:

	without Mod	with Mod
intransitive	Y — STEM — t	Mod — X — STEM — NUMBER_X
transitive	Y — X — STEM — t	Mod — X — STEM — NUMBER_Y

Mod =

ant-	<i>almost</i>
ta-	<i>not</i>

	intransitive	transitive	
		subject > object	subject < object
X	subject	subject	object
Y		object	subject

1st > 2nd > 3rd

	subject Y	object	subject X
1 st DU	kapa	ŋkra	
1 st PL	ipa	kra	kay
2 nd DU	kapwa	ŋkul	ŋkran
2 nd PL	ipwa	kul	nan
3 rd SG	na		pu
3 rd DU	impa		

NUMBER =

t	SG
rm	DU
rum	PL

- (a) 15. *We two have cut him.*
- (b) 18. *We all have slept.*
 19. *You two have almost cut them two.*
 20. *He hasn't come.*
- (c) 21. **antpuwat**
 22. **taŋkratut**
 23. **taŋkrawaykrum**
 24. **antŋkranturum**
 25. **impakulkrat**

Problem 2.

1. Order of constituents: prefixes – noun – suffixes
2. Prefixes: [PRE] – **ʔa** – NEG – others
 - [PRE] = **ʔa·k-** ~ **ʔa-** ~ **ʔa·q-** — unknown
 - **ʔa-** — ‘again’
 - NEG = **ʔit-** — ‘not’
 - **ɕmak-** ~ **ɕmakqa-** — ‘strong’ (< **mak-** ‘bone’); **san-** — ‘bad’; **suk-** — ‘good’
3. Suffixes: **-nana** – **-nam** – **-ni**
 - **-nana** — ‘little’
 - **-nam** — ‘someone’s...’
 - **-ni** — ‘it is ...’

4. **kamnuqʔu** ‘white (adjective)’ / **ʔa·knuqʔu** ‘white (noun)’ (< **ʔu** ‘snow’)

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| (a) | 1. | ʔa·kʔu | — | d. | <i>snow</i> |
| | 2. | ʔa·kʔaʔnam | — | o. | <i>someone’s head</i> |
| | 3. | ʔa·kiʔmiyit | — | q. | <i>sky</i> |
| | 4. | ʔa·kiʔwi·nam | — | g. | <i>someone’s heart</i> |
| | 5. | ʔa·knuqʔuʔaʔ | — | l. | <i>American eagle</i> |
| | 6. | ʔa·kwum | — | h. | <i>stomach</i> |
| | 7. | ʔa·qʔa | — | i. | <i>inside (noun)</i> |
| | 8. | ʔa·qatnananam | — | m. | <i>someone’s short tail</i> |
| | 9. | ɕmakwumnana | — | f. | <i>Little Strong Belly</i> |
| | 10. | ʔa sukiʔmiyitni | — | n. | <i>it is sunny again</i> |
| | 11. | ʔa saniʔwi·ni | — | e. | <i>it is angry again</i> |
| | 12. | ʔitʔiʔni | — | j. | <i>it is blind</i> |
| | 13. | kamnuqʔuqatnana | — | a. | <i>young white-tailed deer</i> |
| | 14. | mak | — | b. | <i>bone</i> |
| | 15. | maknana | — | p. | <i>token (for a game)</i> |
| | 16. | sanʔa | — | k. | <i>Piegans</i> |
| | 17. | saniʔmiyit | — | c. | <i>bad weather</i> |

- (b) **ʔa** — *again, inside.*

- (c) 18. **ʔa·qatwumʔa** [PRE] – *tail* – *stomach* – *inside*
(*that which holds the tail and stomach inside*)
19. **ʔaʔitʔu** *again* – NEG – *snow* (*again no snow*)

- (d) 20. **ʔitqatni** *it is tailless, it has no tail*
21. **ʔa·kiʔwi·nana** *little heart*

- (e) 22. *someone’s good stomach* **sukwumnana**
23. *eye* **ʔa·kaqʔiʔ**
[PRE]

Problem 3.

- 1 **wañig nibö** 4 **yigwo milö** 7 **mudun** 10 —
- 2 **yigwo** 5 **mamid** 8 **raleb** 11 **agip**
- 3 **yigwo aŋ nibö** 6 **kagoł** 9 — 12 —

- $20X [\text{ado gi da } Y] = 20X [+ Y] \quad (1 \leq X \leq 3, 1 \leq Y \leq 23)$

$$20X = \begin{cases} \text{ñinjuöl} & (X = 1) \\ \text{ñinjuöl mihöp} & (X = 2) \\ \text{ñinjuöl mihau nigaŋ} & (X = 3) \end{cases}, \quad Y = \begin{cases} Y & (1 \leq Y \leq 12) \\ (24 - Y) \text{ böŋ daŋ} & (13 \leq Y \leq 23) \end{cases}$$

(a) $2 \times 38 = 76$

- (b) 8 **raleb**
 19 **mamid böŋ daŋ**
 23 (i) **wañig nibö böŋ daŋ**
 (ii) **ñinjuöl ado gi da yigwo aŋ nibö**
 53 **ñinjuöl mihöp ado gi da agip böŋ daŋ**
 61 (i) **ñinjuöl mihau nigaŋ ado gi da wañig nibö**
 (ii) **ñinjuöl mihöp ado gi da yigwo aŋ nibö böŋ daŋ**
 66 **ñinjuöl mihau nigaŋ ado gi da kagoł**

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Problem 4.

1. Sentence structure:
$$\begin{cases} S (...) O (...) V & (...): 'in ...', 'for ...' \\ S T \quad \boxed{T = \boxed{N} - \text{da} - \boxed{\text{Gender (S)}} - \text{o}} & 'S \text{ belongs to } N' \end{cases}$$
2. Noun phrase structure:
$$\begin{cases} \boxed{N} \boxed{D} & N = S \text{ or } O \\ \boxed{D} - \text{daga} \boxed{N} & N = \text{Possessor or } \dots\text{wo/ra} \end{cases}$$
 - $\boxed{D} = \text{e} - \boxed{\text{Gender}} - \text{ai}$ 'this', $\text{o} - \boxed{\text{Gender}} - \text{oi}$ 'that'
3. Noun structure: $\boxed{\text{STEM}} - \boxed{\text{Gender}} (+ \boxed{\text{Case}})$
 - Case: **-wo** 'in ...', **-ra** 'for ...'
 - Kin terms: $\boxed{\text{Possessor}} + \boxed{\text{STEM}} - \boxed{\text{Gender}} (+ \boxed{\text{Case}})$
 - Possessor ('my, our, his') ⇨ 6. Person
 - **qotoqowar-** 'child', **qid-** 'parent', **maroq-** 'sibling'
4. Possession: Possessor **aga** Possessee
5. Verb structure:
$$\begin{cases} \text{me}^\dagger - \boxed{O} - \boxed{\text{STEM}} - \boxed{\text{Gender (S)}} & \text{present} \\ \boxed{O} - \boxed{\text{STEM}} - \text{sa} - \boxed{\text{Gender (S)}} & \text{future} \end{cases}$$
 - $^\dagger \text{ me} > \text{mo} / _ \text{o}$ – Verb stems: **obo** 'to hit', **oote** 'to become ill', **qaqa** 'to bite',
 $\text{O} \Rightarrow 6. \text{ Person}$ **qe** 'to speak', **Ra*** 'to cry', **Re*** 'to sleep', **Roo*** 'to fall',
see 'to cut'
6. Person: **Ra**-* 1st SG, **Ri**-* 1st PL, \emptyset 3rd SG

$$* \text{ R} = \begin{cases} \text{n} & \# _ \\ \text{r} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } \text{Ra-} \text{ 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ SG} > \underline{\text{naqaqasabi}}, \underline{\text{meraqaqabi}} \\ \text{Roo 'to fall'} > \underline{\text{noosabe}}, \underline{\text{meroobi}} \end{array}$$
7. Gender:

	in T/D	in N	in V
masculine	-s	-e	-bi
feminine	-w	-o	-be

- (a) 18. *This house belongs to my father.*
 19. *The mouse will speak for this fish.*
 20. (i) *He hits our mother's boar.*
 (ii) *Our mother's boar hits him.*
 21. *The hawk falls in that devil's house.*
- (b) 22. **Bido merebe.**
 23. **Peraqote osoi niqotoqowarora niobosabi.**
 24. **Buquro owoi maroqedawo.**
 25. **Esaidaga mesidae aga qide owoidaga murowo moobobi.**
 26. **Buqaritawe aga qibiro taragarowo meraseebe.**

Problem 5.

1. Sentence structure: Location S V

2. Noun phrase structure:
$$\begin{cases} N^* & N \\ \mathbf{na/khe}^\dagger - N^* & \text{my/his } N \\ N_1 - \mathbf{V}_{\rightarrow}^H & N_2^* \quad N_1 \text{'s } N_2 \end{cases}$$

* $\mathbf{C}_\sigma \rightarrow \emptyset$ (\mathbf{C}_σ : word-final consonant)

$\dagger \mathbf{CV} + \mathbf{V}_\alpha (= \mathbf{v}) \rightarrow \mathbf{CV}_\alpha$
 $\mathbf{CV} + \mathbf{V}_\alpha (\neq \mathbf{v}) \rightarrow \mathbf{CVnV}_\alpha$ (\mathbf{V}_α : word-initial vowel)

3. Verb structure: STEM — -no plural — $\mathbf{-khV}_{\leftarrow}^H$ question

– usually: STEM \rightarrow STEM — STEM — ma

4. Vowel harmony: $\mathbf{V}^H = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{V}_T = \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{e} & \mathbf{V}_T = \mathbf{e, i, \ddot{u}} \\ \mathbf{o} & \mathbf{V}_T = \mathbf{o, u} \end{cases}$ $\mathbf{V}_T(\mathbf{C})\mathbf{V}_{\leftarrow}^H$ $\mathbf{V}_{\rightarrow}^H(\mathbf{C})\mathbf{V}_T$

5. Verb stems:

lei ‘lying’		<i>cucumber, snake, worm</i>
le ‘standing’	human nouns	<i>tree, house, dog</i>
ba ‘sitting’		<i>bird</i>

- (a) 16. *The children are in the water garden.*
 17. *Is his wife’s worm usually in my water?*
- (b) 18. *The child is usually in my tree [standing].*
 19. *Is my wife usually there [sitting]?*
- (c) 20. (i) *His friends are in his jungle.*
 (ii) *His houses are in his jungle.*
- (d) 21. **Khedolo khenamiya leino.**
 22. **Areyo dodo lekhe?**
 23. **Nayo khuro na leno.**
 24. **Khuro namakhü lelemakha?**