A Big Exam

Name _____

Multiple choice. *Instructions for the Multiple choice section goes here. You can say anything you like.*

1. **Which are the best units of language?**

   (a) morphemes
   (b) any unit in Welsh
   (c) phonemes
   (d) syntactic constructions

2. **How many words are there in English**

   (a) 3   (b) 6   (c) 10   (d) Lots

3. **Which of the following is true of Motherese?**

   (a) It is known only to Mothers.
   (b) It is used only by English-speaking parents
   (c) It does not exist
   (d) None of the above

4. **Al-Sayyid Bedouin Sign Language differs from Nicaraguan Sign Language because**

   (a) it emerged in Israel, not Nicaragua.
   (b) it is based on French.
   (c) it emerged naturally, whereas Nicaraguan Sign Language was invented by Donald Trump.
   (d) it can be learned by chimps.

5. **Vervet monkeys**

   (a) are the only primate species to have an ergative-absolutive language.
   (b) have been subject to many attempts to teach them language.
   (c) have innate calls whose meanings have to be refined through learning.
   (d) None of the above

6. **Which of the following is not a kind of affix in spoken language?**

   (a) Circumfix   (b) Prefix   (c) Infix
   (d) Quickfix

7. **Which of the following languages is not Indo-European?**

   (a) Klingon (b) Persian   (c) Albanian
   (d) Slovene

8. **Categorical perception**

   (a) makes it easier to understand Kantian ethics.
   (b) means children are born knowing the phonemes of their parents' language.
   (c) means that judgements about continuously varying signals do not vary continuously.
   (d) perception is impossible.

9. **The high-amplitude sucking paradigm is**

   (a) a way of identifying if young babies can distinguish between different stimuli.
   (b) a way of identifying if young babies are able to suck.
   (c) useful mainly for visual stimuli.
   (d) preferred for use with older children and teenagers who can better understand the task.

10. **Find a buttercup and hold it up to your chin. Do you like butter?**

    (a) Yes
    (b) No
    (c) I could have told you that without the buttercup.
    (d) Both a and c

Short-answer questions. *Instructions for Short answer questions go here.*

1. (2 points) Explain why you decided to major in Linguistics.
2. (10 points) Choose an unsolved problem in modern Linguistics and solve it. Remember to show your working.

Extra space for short answers