

Midterm #1, Content & Design



1. Closed-book test; worth 25% of your final mark.
2. Covers McFetridge text chapters 1 through 7 inclusive, lecture material, recommended web sites.
3. Format is multiple choice. From a range of alternatives, you must select the single best answer and fill in the corresponding circle on a Scantron exam sheet. **36 questions @ 1 mark each**
4. Question types:
 - (i) Definitions
 - (ii) Identification of Germanic Consonant Shift rules
 - (iii) Identification of word origins. In some cases data will be supplied, in other cases you must make a decision based on data you have seen elsewhere in the course.

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(iv) phonological rules & morphological rules: how to interpret them and how to write them

(v) **IPA symbols:** recognition and use of vowel symbols (all) and consonant symbols (those that have featured in data we examined)

(vi) miscellaneous general knowledge

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. The symbol called a **macron** appears in which of the following?

a) ç

b) ö

c) ú

d) ū

e) ñ

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2. The sounds [g] and [ŋ] are distinguished by

- a) place of articulation.
- b) state of the glottis.
- c) manner of articulation.**
- d) meaning.
- e) ease of articulation.

3. Dialects are always mutually intelligible.

- a) true
- b) false**

4. Inflection changes

- a) grammatical meaning.**
- b) lexical meaning.

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5. The rule $n + p \rightarrow m + p$ is a(n)

- a) morphological rule
- b) assimilation of manner rule.
- c) assimilation of voice rule.
- d) assimilation of place rule.
- e) none of the above

6. Based on the following from the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, what is the language of origin of "jubilee"?

Middle English, from Anglo-French & Late Latin; Anglo-French *jubilé*, from Late Latin *jubilaeus*, modification of Late Greek *iōbēlaios*, from Hebrew *yōbhēl* ram's horn, jubilee

- a) Latin
- b) Greek
- c) Anglo-French
- d) Hebrew
- e) insufficient data to tell

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7. Based on your ever-increasing knowledge of word origins (ahem!), what is the language of origin of the word "knee"?

- a) French
- b) Latin
- c) Old English
- d) Greek
- e) none of the above

8. If the word "calendar" comes to us from Latin, the word-initial sound of the Latin word would likely be

- a) [g]
- b) [p]
- c) [c]
- d) [f]
- e) none of the above