Linguistics 110 (05-3)

Sample Midterm Questions Time: 50 minutes

Write all responses LEGIBLY IN INK on the answer sheet. Corrections to grading will not be permitted on papers written in pencil. Illegible responses will not be corrected. Do not expose your responses to other students at any time during the quiz.

1. For each pair of sounds, state the phonetic property that they share. Note that there may be more than one. Use the chart provided.

a. [p] [m]

2. Convert the following components into English words by using one of the following processes: *assimilation, consonant deletion,* or *vowel deletion*

a. syn + pathy sympathy _____

- **3.** For each of the following, identify whether it is formed form the past participle, the present participle or just the root.
 - a. impossible
- 4. The following are etymological structures that contain nonsense roots. The prefixes and suffixes are real, but the roots have been fabricated. Apply the Latin rules that we have studied in class and determine what the words will look like. (Assume that vowels are short unless otherwise indicated.) ex. ex + lig + e + t answer: elicit <u>Note:</u> In the example- where there was an *ex* prefix, the "x" is dropped when creating word.
 - a. in + rib + e + t + ion
- 5. According to your course book, give two reasons that languages borrow words.
 - a. _____. b. _____.
- 6. Complete the following table: Deriving Negative Adjectives

active	legal	regular	rule
<i>in</i> + active	<i>in</i> + legal	<i>in</i> + regular	*
"			**
"	"		**
inactive	illegal	irregular	Remove '+'

* Morphological Rule

** Phonological Rule

7. Match the term with the best possible correct definition or example. Use each answer only once.

Choices

- a. $n + p \rightarrow m + p$
- b. same spelling but different meaning
- c. the smallest meaningful unit

<u>Term</u>

- 2. assimilation _____
- 3. homophone _____
- 4. morphemes _____
- 8. Identify the rule(s) from the Germanic Consonant Shift (Grimm's Law) that has/have applied at some point in each word series.

	<u>Latin</u>	Greek	English	Rule(s)
1.	duo	dilemma	two	

- 9. According to 'Our Arresting R', the letter 'R' dates back to (circle the best answer):
 - a. Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics
 - b. Ancient Sumerian Writing
 - c. Semitic Inscriptions
 - d. The Roman Alphabet
 - e. The Greek Alphabet
 - f. None of the above.

10. According to "Can't Spell English without an E", is the following statement true or false (circle correct answer):

E began its life as a letter showing a consonant sound. True or False