

Part I: Multiple Choice (4 points each) – choose the *best* answer

1. Which of these people is a sociolinguist (circle all that apply)
 - a. Noam Chomsky
 - b. Bill Labov
 - c. Penny Eckert
 - d. Robin Lakoff

2. Which of the following are considered to deviate from heteronormativity (in the United States)?
 - a. unmarried heterosexual couples
 - b. single mothers
 - c. a man with two wives
 - d. all of the above

3. A study of ‘G-dropping,’ as in *runnin’* vs. *running*, is an example of:
 - a. phonetic variation
 - b. semantic change
 - c. critical discourse analysis
 - d. syntactic variation

4. Mendoza-Denton argues that longer silences after Clarence Thomas’ statements than Anita Hill’s statements:
 - a. rendered Thomas powerless
 - b. gave weight and sympathy to Thomas
 - c. rendered Thomas silent
 - d. cast doubt on Thomas’ argument

5. What is the discursive, ideological process that is challenged by an analysis of masculinity that considers socioeconomic class?
 - a. indexicality
 - b. discourse
 - c. erasure
 - d. agency

Part II: True/False (4 points each) – circle your answer *clearly*

6. Descriptive linguists would be interested in establishing a standard grammar of English, to prevent people from using non-standard English

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7. Science defines how people think about gender.

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8. Separating men's and women's sports is an example of institutional homophobia.

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9. Queer Theory argues that pornography enforces the gender binary.

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10. Lakoff (1972) argued that hedging (*well, sort of, kind of, etc.*) indirectly indexes female gender.

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Part III: Short Answer (4 points each)

11. Give an example of a sub-discipline in linguistics research:

12. *Synthetic Sisterhood* is an example of a(n) _____ community:

13. Give one example of heteronormativity in television:

14. "I now pronounce you husband and wife," is a _____ Speech Act:

15. Meaning making rights depends on the ability to:
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Part IV: Short Essay (8 points each) - *on Tuesday you'll have half a page per question*

16. How do Gastil's results on the interpretation of the 3rd-person singular pronoun demonstrate the difference between prescriptive and descriptive grammar? Which is seen as more important, and why?

17. Explain the concept of *erasure*, using at least two examples (one in gender and one in other categories)

