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09.02 Phonology [5/9 to pass]

Part 1

1

Match the following terms and definitions.

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| 1. the physical realization of a speech sound | A. allophone |
| 2. transcribed using slash brackets: /.../ | B. phoneme |
| 3. found in the mental lexicon | |
| 4. the output, or result, of a phonological rule | |
| 5. a mental sound category | |
| 6. transcribed using square brackets: [...] | |

2

To describe this set of sounds as a natural class: [u ɔ ʊ ɑ]

that distinguishes them from this set: [i æ ε]

the most **efficient** way (stating as *few* sound properties as possible) is to describe [u ɔ ʊ ɑ] as:

- ☐ A. back round tense
- ☐ B. back round
- ☐ C. back tense
- ☐ D. back
- ☐ E. round
- ☐ F. tense

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To describe this set of sounds as a natural class: [f θ s ʃ h]

that distinguishes them from this set: [v b z m l w]

the most **efficient** way (stating as *few* sound properties as possible) is to describe [f θ s ʃ h] as:

- ☐ A. voiceless oral fricatives
- ☐ B. voiceless fricatives
- ☐ C. voiceless oral
- ☐ D. voiceless
- ☐ E. oral
- ☐ F. fricatives

4

Look at the Spanish problem on the data set handout provided. Which of the following statements are true? Choose all that apply.

- ☐ A. There is at least one minimal pair for [l] and [ɾ] in the Spanish data set.
- ☐ B. The environment where [l] occurs and the environment where [ɾ] occurs are distinct in Spanish -- if I know the right information about what the sounds in the environment are, I can predict whether [l] or [ɾ] will appear.
- ☐ C. The sounds [l] and [ɾ] are allophones of the same phoneme in Spanish.
- ☐ D. The sounds [l] and [ɾ] belong to two different phonemes in Spanish.

5

Look at the Korean problem on the data set handout provided. Which of the following statements are true? Choose all that apply.

- ☐ A. There is at least one minimal pair for [l] and [ɾ] in the Korean data set.
- ☐ B. The environment where [l] occurs and the environment where [ɾ] occurs are predictable in Korean -- if I know the right information about what the sounds in the environment are, I can predict whether [l] or [ɾ] will appear.
- ☐ C. The sounds [l] and [ɾ] are allophones of the same phoneme in Korean.
- ☐ D. The sounds [l] and [ɾ] belong to two different phonemes in Korean.

Suppose [b] changes into [m] after nasal sounds in some language. Which of the following is the most insightful phonological rule to propose for the mental grammar of this language?

- ☐ A. [b] -> [m] / nasal __
- ☐ B. [b] -> nasal / nasal __
- ☐ C. voiced bilabial oral stop -> nasal / nasal __
- ☐ D. voiced bilabial oral stop -> voiced bilabial nasal stop / nasal __