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科目：英語語言學概論

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1. Discuss **language variation** in three dimensions: social (sociolect variation), regional (dialect variation) and functional (register or style variation). (25%)
  
2. Discuss how the English sentence given below forms an example of “**syntactic recursion**?” To answer this question, you need to identify what specific types of phrase structures are involved to make the syntax of this sentence recursive? (25%)  
  
*I heard John said Ben saw the man who had met the white, beautiful young girl who wore a white T-shirt and blue skirt and black flip-flops which were considered to be a very basic requirement of fashion bought a cup of coffee at the Coffee House on the third floor of the movie theater across the busy street from the department store exactly at eight o'clock in the evening on Monday in August in this year.*
  
3. **Neologism** is about lexical innovations, which refers to the matter of creating new words as a language evolves. Please state four ways to explain how new words may enter the lexicon of a language, and provide examples for each. (25%)
  
4. The /t/ sound in the following words: **tape, site, stay, kitten, beauty, train** are phonetically different based on the pronunciation of native American-English speakers. 1) Please describe the /t/ sound in each word, and answer the following questions: 2) Is the distribution of these/t/ sounds predictable? 3) Decide whether these different varieties of /t/ are different phonemes or allophones of the same phoneme? 4) Why did you make such a decision? (25%)