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系別：英文學系 B 組

科目：英 文(含英語語言學議題)

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1. Please use your own words and examples to explain the following linguistic terms.
 - a. Tautology (5%)
 - b. Euphemism (5%)
 - c. gradable pairs (5%)
 - d. allophone (5%)
2. Sometimes English-speaking people are criticized for not speaking “Standard American English” because of their pronunciation, word usage, sentence structure, etc. If you are one of them, how are you going to respond to the criticism? Please address this issue from a sociolinguistics perspective. (20%)
3. Read the following sentence.

Colorless green ideas sleep furiously.

Please explain if the sentence is grammatical or ungrammatical? Why?
Are there any problems with the sentence? If yes, please explain why. (20%)
4. Please use examples to explain the “schwa rule” applied by English speakers when a vowel is in an unstressed syllable. (20%)
5. Please use examples to explain “lexical gaps”. Why do lexical gaps exist and how may we bridge the gap? You might want to address the issue from the idea of linguistic creativity. (20%)