

## Homework 1

Due on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_ /40 pts

### 1. Descriptive grammar vs. Prescriptive grammar (2 pts)

State one rule of grammar that you have learned is the correct way to say something, but you do not generally use in speaking. (For example, you may have heard that *It's me* is incorrect and that the correct form is *It's I*. Nevertheless, you always use *me* in such sentences; your friends do also, and in fact *It's I* sounds odd to you.)

### 2. Transcription (10 pts)

(a-i) are English words written in phonetic symbols. Write the words in their normal English orthography and then answer the question in (j).

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| (a) ['fɒt] _____    | (b) ['mit] _____    |
| (c) [ə'bʌv] _____   | (d) ['hɒmwək] _____ |
| (e) ['sawθ] _____   | (f) ['mæʃ] _____    |
| (g) ['skrim] _____  | (h) ['fojl] _____   |
| (i) ['vɪlɪdʒ] _____ |                     |

(j) There are two possible answers for (b). Since these two words share the same pronunciation, they are examples of \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Transcription (8 pts)

For each transcription, identify the one major mistake in the phonetic symbols. Circle the mistake and correct that.

- Example:* pitcher /'p<sup>h</sup>(e)ʃə/ [e] should have been [ɪ]
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|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| (a) advertiser | /'æd v ɜː tʰ əj z ə/ | _____ |
| (b) bullets    | /'b ʌ l ɪ t s/       | _____ |
| (c) raining    | /'r e ɪ ɪ ɪ /        | _____ |
| (d) fictional  | /'f ɪ c ʃ ə n l /    | _____ |

### 4. IPA description (10 pts)

Write the phonetic symbol that corresponds to each of the following phonetic description, then give an English word that begins with this sound.

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| <i>Example:</i> voiced alveolar stop | [ d ] | <i>dough</i> |
| (a) mid front unrounded lax vowel    | [   ] | _____        |
| (b) voiced lateral liquid            | [   ] | _____        |
| (c) voiced alveolar nasal            | [   ] | _____        |

(d) voiced palatal glide [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

(e) voiceless glottal fricative [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Transcription (10 pts)**

Write the phonetic symbol for the last sound in each word.

*Example:* boy [ɔj̥] (Remember that diphthongs and affricates count as one sound.)

(a) fleece [ ] (b) rough [ ] (c) long [ ] (d) health [ ] (e) rags [ ]

(f) page [ ] (g) fuzzy [ ] (h) sign [ ] (i) lunch [ ] (j) bathe [ ]