Phonology

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ASSIGNMENT #2

Due on June 10, at the beginning of class

A. TONKAWA

Consider the following data from Tonkawa (an Amerindian language in Texas).

- 1. Posit underlying representations for the stems.
- 2. Identify the phonological process(es). Provide arguments.
- 3. Formulate rules that will account for their divergent phonetic representations.
- 4. Are any of the rules ordered? Explain.
- 5. Give the derivations of hoe, he hoes them, and he is hoeing (it).

notox hoe
notx-o? he hoes (it)
we-ntox-o? he hoes them
notxo-n-o? he is hoeing (it)
we-ntoxo-n-o? he is hoeing them

picen castrated one, steer

picn-o? he cuts (it)
we-pcen-o? he cuts them
picna-n-o? he is cutting (it)
we-pcena-n-o? he is cutting them

netl-o? he licks (it)
we-ntal-o? he licks them
netle-n-o? he is licking (it)
we-ntale-n-o? he is licking them

nepaxk-o? he smokes nepaxke-n-o? he is smoking we-npaxk-o? he smokes them

salk-o? he pulls sinew from meat salke-n-o? he is pulling sinew from meat we-salk-o? he pulls sinews from meat

(25 points)

B. INTERPRETING AND FORMULATING PHONOLOGICAL RULES

- 1. Write out the following statements in rules using feature notations:
 - a. Vowels are nasalized before a nasal consonant followed by either a consonant or a word boundary.
 - b. Obstruents agree in the value of the feature [voice] with the following obstruent.
 - b. Nasals and liquids are syllabic word-finally, following a consonant.

(3 points each = 9)

2. State in plain English what the following rules do.

a.
$$\emptyset \rightarrow C / V __V$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -son \\ +cont \\ +SG \\ -voice \end{pmatrix}$$

b.
$$V \rightarrow [+stress] / \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \begin{cases} C_O \# \\ V \\ C_O [-tense] C_O \# \end{cases}$$

c.
$$V \rightarrow [+nasal] / ___ C \sigma$$

(2 points each = 6)