

**HW #1 DUE September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**1. Prescriptive or descriptive? [3pts]**

**Consider the following sentences. Are they grammatical or ungrammatical? If they are ungrammatical, mark them with “\*”, state what is wrong with them and correct them. REMEMBER: a sentence is grammatical if and only if native speakers consider it so. What you English teacher told you is NOT important here. ALSO, if you are NOT a native speaker, consult with a native speaker regarding the grammaticality of the sentences below.**

- a. John and me went to the movies
  
- b. Who did you see last Monday?
  
- c. I don't know who I am doing the presentation with

**2. Do Nootka exercise in the textbook on p. 56. Answer questions 1-6. Be brief. ATTACH THE SHEET WITH ANSWERS [3pts]**

**3. State whether the underlined portions of the sentences below are constituents. State which test(s) support your claim. [5pts]**

- a. Homer ate a donut with his hands
- b. Homer likes donuts and beer
- c. The fat cat and the thin cat like fish
- d. Bart and Lisa saw Homer and Lenny in a bar
- e. Homer ate all the jelly donuts and drank all the beer

**4. Do Bambara ex.9 from Carnie p. 98. Answer questions (4,5,6) on a separate sheet of paper. [3pts]**

**5. Draw tree structures for the following sentences. You can use ‘S’ or ‘TP’ notation [3pts].**

**a. The man that came to dinner left with a package**

**b. The fat cat chases the thin cat and makes a mess**

**c. That Homer likes donuts terrifies Marge and Lisa**

**6. Come up with a structurally ambiguous sentence of the kind we did in class. State the two interpretations of the sentence. Draw two tree structures for it. Indicate which structure corresponds to which interpretation. USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.[3pts]**