

ASSIGNMENT

(FROM SILKE FISCHER: GK SKRIPTUM 2005)

I. Consider the following words.

- (i) For each word, determine whether it is simple or complex.
- (ii) Circle all of the bound morphemes. Underline all of the roots.

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| a. <i>fly</i> | d. <i>spiteful</i> | g. <i>suite</i> | j. <i>reuse</i> |
| b. <i>desks</i> | e. <i>delight</i> | h. <i>fastest</i> | k. <i>tree</i> |
| c. <i>untie</i> | f. <i>justly</i> | i. <i>optionality</i> | l. <i>premature</i> |

II. Consider the following Persian words.

(Note: *xar* means 'buy' and *-id* designates past tense.)

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| (1) <i>xaridam</i> | 'I bought' | (5) <i>namixaridand</i> | 'they were not buying' |
| (2) <i>xaridi</i> | 'you (sg) bought' | (6) <i>naxaridim</i> | 'we did not buy' |
| (3) <i>xarid</i> | '(he) bought' | (7) <i>mixarid</i> | '(he) was buying' |
| (4) <i>naxaridam</i> | 'I did not buy' | | |

(i) Try to match each of the following notions with a morpheme in the Persian data.

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| a. <i>I</i> | c. <i>we</i> | e. <i>not</i> |
| b. <i>you (sg)</i> | d. <i>they</i> | f. <i>was/were + ing (continuous)</i> |

(ii) How would you say the following in Persian?

- a. *They were buying.*
- b. *You (sg) did not buy.*
- c. *You (sg) were buying.*

III. Draw morphological tree structures for the following words:

unhappy, books, modernize, played, vengeance, poisonous, blacken, ex-friend, unhealthy

IV. We argued in favour of the following structure of the word unhappiness:

[[un-happy]-ness]

Using the same type of argument, justify tree structures for the words
incomprehensible, redisposal, disestablishment.