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Introduction to the Cree Language
LIN2301
Mid-Term Exam
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A. Translate the imperative verbs into English. (5 Marks)

1. kiskinwamaso study
2. piethikwe Come Inside
3. kieshoho Dress warmly
4. onishka get up from bed
5. mieciso eat

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B. Make a sentence (verb already provided) in the present tense by adding the necessary prefixes, suffixes and the auxiliary t's where needed. If blank, write a zero, and if any vowel needs to be changed, cross it off, and add correct vowel on top of it. (5 Marks)

1. Ki-t-api-n-aw (2nd person, plural)
2. Ø-itothe-w (3rd person, singular)
3. Ki-kiewe-n (2nd person, singular)
4. n-t-apatisi-n-an (1st person, plural)
5. Ø-onishka-w-ak (3rd person, plural)

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C. Translate into English. (5 Marks)

1. kie-peci-mieciso-w (approaching) He/she came over to eat
   past eat 3rd(s)
2. n-ka-ispani-n shop-ihk I will go to the shop (by transport device)
   1st will journey (s) at shop
3. mona wie-kotawe-w Now wants to make a fire
   want fire 3rd(s)
4. kie-wie-apatisi-n-aw shop-ihk You (plural) wanted to work at shop
   past want work 2nd(p) to shop
5. kie-niemi-n-aw You (plural) danced
   past dance 2nd(p)

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han naw wak

mona is a negator — so it wo

nī
kī
Ø

D. Translate the English sentences into Cree. (10 Marks)

1. I am singing.
nakamo
ni - nakamo-n

2. You(sing) are walking. (away from speaker)
kī mothe n ati
kī-t-ati-motha-n

3. They slept.
nīpa
Ø past → kīe
Ø-kīe-[ ]-wak
kīe-nīpa-w-ak

4. I want to speak.
ayamī
n wīe
[ ]-n
nī-wīe-ayamī-n

5. They cooked.
mīnawe
Ø wak
Ø-kīe
kīe-mīnawe-w-ak

6. Come over! (plural)
ttothe
peci
peci-ttothe-k

7. I went (directly) home.
kīewe
n kīe
[ ]-n
ati
n-kīe-kīewa-n

8. You (pl) are drinking.
mīnīhkwe
kī
[ ]-n-aw
kī-mīnīhkwa-n-aw

9. He wants to make a fire.
kotawe
3°(s)
wīe
Ø-[ ]-w
wīe-kotawe-w

10. I want to get up.
onīshka
nī wīe
[ ]-n
nī-wīe-onīshka-n