PRESENTATION ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your name _________________________ Your instructor’s name _________________________

Date of presentation: ___4/9/2020___ Speaker’s name: Andrea Sims (& Michelle McKenzie)

Title of presentation: Effects of frequency on word processing in Russian and English

Please answer each of the following questions in a few sentences. (Please check with your instructor about how to submit the completed form via Carmen.) Please don’t forget to number your answers.

1. This talk compares frequency effects in Russian morphology to frequency effects in English morphology. Why is it interesting to compare these two languages specifically? In other words, what is the rationale for the study?

2. What does ‘semantic transparency’ mean? Give a definition in your own words.

3. Think about two of the English suffixes reported on in this study: -ate (e.g. culminate) and -ness (e.g. happiness). Which was judged to be more semantically transparent by the experiment participants? Do your intuitions match this result? Why or why not?

4. Does word frequency have the same effect on semantic transparency in Russian and English? (I.e., what is the main conclusion of the talk?) Explain your answer briefly.

5. Share one way the content of this presentation relates to what you have been learning in class; please provide a thoughtful explanation.

6. How would you suggest the speaker improve their talk?