

Recurrent errors at BA and MA defences

Grammar

- The use of articles
- Indirect questions

Expressions-constructions

x **what** (not *how*) it looks like, the way to do it (not *the way how to do it*)

x as usual (no adverbial suffix)

x in his (her, my) opinion (not *according to him (her, me...)*)

x one of the reasons, one of the chapters

x he distinguishes

x any (meaning no), sympathetic (meaning likeable)

PRONUNCIATION

Segmental: th voiced: the other x the udder

th voiceless: thousand, mythical

open ash: static, chapter, Germanic, classified, pragmatic

Liaison: in terms_ of_ importance, of_ other_ elements, impressive_ accomplishment, co'mmunicative_ goal

Misplaced stresses: 'admirable, characte'ristic, co'mmunicate, con'sider, con'tinue, con'tribute, con'vincing, hi'storical, intelli'gibility, it'self, par'ticular, per 'cent, persu'asive, phe'nomenon, suc'cessful

Mispronounced names: Grice, Trudgill, Deborah, Sarah, Noah

Mispronounced words: ambi'guity, to 'analyse, a'nonymous, s/he 'analyses, a'nalysis *sg.*, a'nalyses *pl.*, basic, change, com'pose, com'ponent, con'sist, cri'terion, de'cisive, de'cision, de'terminate, di'mension, di'ploma, e'xamine, focus, half, hy'pothesis *sg.*, hy'potheses *pl.*, insist, le'gitimate, novel, o'ccur, o'ccurrence, own, problem, 'process, to pro'cess, pro'cession, psycho'logical, their, they're, theo'retical, theore'tician, theorist, theory, thesis, theses, u'nanimous.

