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Answer ALL of the following questions as completely as possible.

1. Briefly explain each of the following terms, using examples where appropriate. (12 points)
  - a. subcategorization
  - b. inflectional morphology
  - c. prescriptive grammar
  - d. entailment
  - e. pragmatics
  - f. neurolinguistics
2. For each of the following, write one example. (8 points)
  - a. a structurally ambiguous phrase (Also explain the ambiguity.)
  - b. a sentence that is grammatical but anomalous
  - c. a tag question
  - d. a sentence that is ungrammatical because it contains an anaphor that is not c-commanded by its antecedent
3. What is recursion? Why is it important? (5 points)
4. Evaluate this statement: "A noun is a word that refers to a person, place, or thing." (6 points)
5. In the following sentence,  
George used to live in a *white house* but now he lives in the *White House*.  
what reasons are there to think that *white house* is two words but *White House* is a single word? (5 points)
6. Here is some information about the La-Noitcif language, spoken in northern Erehwon.

<i>flunch</i> means "man"	<i>flark</i> means "house"
<i>flab</i> means "lead"	<i>flop</i> means "shoot"
<i>ik</i> : agentive case suffix	<i>ok</i> : locative case suffix
<i>uk</i> : case suffix indicating goal	<i>ak</i> : case suffix indicating source
<i>la</i> : infix marking past tense	<i>le</i> : infix marking iterative
<i>lu</i> : suffix marking progressive	<i>oof</i> : 3 <sup>rd</sup> person object agreement marker
<i>flurb</i> : free reflexive pronoun	<i>oop</i> : nominal suffix indicating plural
<i>fee</i> : nominal definiteness prefix	<i>bab</i> : 1 <sup>st</sup> person singular proclitic pronoun

All the above affixes are obligatory.  
La-Noitcif is an SOV language.

Using this information, translate the following sentences into La-Noitcif. (There may be more than one acceptable answer. Just give one for each sentence.) (14 points)

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7. Give a brief definition and an example of each of the following terms. (16 points)

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| a. palatalization | b. aspiration    |
| c. assimilation   | d. allophone     |
| e. jargon         | f. slang         |
| g. pidgin         | h. lingua franca |

8. Name the three main categories of taboo words in English, then give an example from each category and a euphemism used for each example. (7 points)

9. Describe the following in terms of voicing, point of articulation, and manner of articulation. (15 points)

**Example:** [h] is a voiceless glottal fricative.

- a. [g]      b. [tʃ]      c. [ʒ]      d. [m]      e. [ə]

10. Explain the sources of the following pairs of words, which have essentially the same meaning, and then explain why the first consonant in each pair is different. (4 points)

tooth/dental      father/paternal      hundred/century

11. What is an isogloss? Give an example of a phonetic isogloss and a lexical isogloss in English. (3 points)

12. Explain the Great Vowel Shift and give at least one example of a contrast in Modern English that can be attributed to the Great Vowel Shift. (5 points)