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1. Fill in the following blanks with appropriate “terms” or “numbers”: (14%)

The part of speech of the word “*nationalizations*” is a(n) (1). The word contains (2) syllables. This complex word is composed of (3) derivational affix(es) and (4) inflectional affix(es). If we focus on the sound of this word, we find that when native speakers of English pronounce this word, they actually pronounce (5) oral vowel, (6) nasal vowels and (7) diphthongs.

2. True or False: identify whether the following statements are T(rue) or F(alse). If the statement is true, provide an actual example to help support the statement; if the statement is false, state clearly why the statement is incorrect, and then modify the statement. (30%)

- (1) The affix “-li-” in the word “friend-li-ness” is an infix.
- (2) It is possible that in English, consonant clusters may occur simultaneously in the onset and coda position of the same syllable.
- (3) Allophones of the same phoneme show the relationship of complimentary distribution.
- (4) A syntactically well-formed sentence may be incomprehensible.
- (5) The sentence “The girl is looking for a match” is a syntactically ambiguous sentence.

3. The following sentence in bold does look odd, but a linguist may tell you it is a grammatically well-formed sentence. Please explain both the meaning and the syntactic structure of this sentence. (20%)

The man the girl the boy my brother loves loves loves loves me.

4. Provide three examples showing the “arbitrary” feature and three examples showing the “iconic” feature in the system of human language. (16%)

5. Distinguish between “linguistic context,” “situational context” and “social context”. Create dialogues to explain how these three aspects of context may provide critical information about the meaning of an utterance. (20%)