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Exam 2 Study Guide

- 1) What is the distinguishing factor that defines writing, as opposed to visual communication?
 - a. Writing as technology
 - b. Orthography
- 2) What properties define writing systems of different types? What is the relationship between the symbol that is used and what it refers to?
 - a. Logographic
 - b. Logosyllabic
 - c. Syllabic
 - d. Alphasyllabic
 - e. Alphabetic
 - f. Abjad

**** You do not need to study the history of the English writing system, or the Great Vowel Shift**

- 3) How and why is the English writing system not an ideal alphabetic?
- 4) What is the purpose of the International Phonetic Alphabet?
- 5) How is the International Phonetic Alphabet consonant chart organized?
 - a. Voicing: voiceless, voiced
 - b. Place of Articulation: bilabial, labiodental, interdental, alveolar, palatal, velar, glottal
 - c. Manner of Articulation: stop, fricative, affricate, nasal, approximant
- 6) How is the International Phonetic Alphabet vowel chart organized?
 - a. Height: high, mid, low
 - b. Backness: front, central, back
 - c. Roundness: round, unround
 - d. Tenseness: tense, lax
 - e. Tongue movement: static, dynamic
- 7) What do phonotactics reveal about our linguistic competence?
 - a. Real vs. Nonsense (nonce) words
- 8) What are the components of the syllable?
 - a. Onset, nucleus, coda, rhyme
 - b. How are syllable trees constructed?
- 9) What is sonority? What sound are the least vs. most sonorous?
- 10) What is a minimal pair?

**** You do not need to study alternations and contrast**

- 11) What is a morpheme?
 - a. What is the difference between free vs. bound morphemes?
 - b. What is the difference between content vs. function words?