Listening Lecture

Answer the following questions according to your notes.

1. The first reason why language has been a topic of study is because ____________________________

2. Which of the following is not one of the unanswered questions about language?
   a. Why do the speakers of the same language may use different words to mean the same thing?
   b. Why does the way a language is spoken changes according to gender?
   c. Why do people make speech errors while they are talking?
   d. How does the social background influence speech?

3. Today it is stated that there are ________________ languages spoken, belonging to

4. ________________ families.

5. Vocabulary of modern English is half ________________ and half 6. ________________

Match the theories with the given arguments. Write the letters in the given blanks. There is one extra.

7. Religious Theory ____
   a. Humans could speak only after their brain was biologically ready to do so.

8. Evolution Theory ____
   b. A divine gift made it possible for human to speak.
   c. Animals’ brain was ready to make sounds before humans’ brain was ready.

9. Imitation Theory ____
   d. Language was developed after people started to copy animal sounds.
Match the given statements with the properties of human language. Write the letters in the given blanks.

10. Arbitrariness  ___  a. The word “offline” is now officially accepted as an English word.

11. Transferability  ___  b. Every English speaker would understand the sentence “The monster in Van Lake has invaded the city”, although he has not heard it before.

12. Productivity  ___  c. The object “knife” could be called something other than “knife”. There is no relationship between the name and the object.

13. Flexibility  ___  d. Either spoken or written form of a language can be used for communication.

14. Displacement  ___  e. Speakers can talk about things that are physically distant such as other countries or the moon

Write the three factors that cause languages change:

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