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There will be two parts for the final exam. Part 1 (15% of total grade) will be just like the other tests (choose 8 out of 10 short answer questions). Some sample questions are below.

1. Give three reasons why it is adaptive for humans (and other animals) to categorize. What kinds of problems can this lead to?
2. Why do modern theories of categorization talk about category boundaries as being "fuzzy" or "probabilistic"? Use specific examples.
3. What is a prototype? How is a prototype formed?
4. What are 2 basic differences between exemplar and prototype theories of categorization? What 2 things do they have in common?
5. How do the prototype and exemplar models differ from the classical view? How is category membership decided in the prototype and exemplar view? What is the major problem for both views?
6. How is categorization accomplished in the knowledge-based view of categorization?
7. What are defining and characteristic features? How do children differ from adults in their use of these features to form categories? How does this support a knowledge-based view of categorization?
8. List and describe three defining or important features of language and give an example for each one.
9. Describe the Whorfian hypothesis of linguistic relativity.
10. Discuss two sources of evidence supporting the idea of hemispheric specialization of language in the brain.
11. Describe the three dimensions by which consonants are categorized.
12. List and describe three problems that make it difficult for us to understand how speech perception is accomplished.

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