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Schools of Linguistics Test 1

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Answer ALL the following questions:

1. What is a school of linguistics? [2]
2. What were the main achievements of "traditional" linguists? [3]
3. What is Sibawayh's contribution to linguistics? [3]
4. Give brief definitions of the underlined concepts:
 - A. A diachronic and synchronic study of language [2]
 - B. Language is arbitrary [2]
 - C. Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations [4]
5. What are the main differences between European and American scholars' approaches to language (De Saussure, Boas, Bloomfield and Sapir?) [4]