Chomsky 1986 Knowledge of Language questions

Due August 21 before class. Submit on LumiNUS > Files > Student Submission > Chomsky 1986 questions.

Read chapters 1 and 2 of Chomsky's *Knowledge of Language* (on LumiNUS > Files > Readings) and answer the following questions, in roughly one paragraph each. Your submission (TYPED) should not exceed two pages.

1. What is UG? Be specific; don't just give two words.

2. Why should we think that there *is* such a thing as UG?

3. How is Generative Grammar different from Traditional or Structuralist grammar? (Look this up / do some research online, if you need to.)

4. What is the "poverty of the stimulus"? Why is this an important notion?

- 5. What is the point of the following examples?
 - (1) I wonder who the men expected to see them.
 - (2) The men expected to see them.

6. Why does the "language learning via analogy" model fail to account for language acquisition, in Chomsky's opinion? Give some examples in support of this argument.

7. What is a garden-path sentence? (Give an example.) What do these kinds of sentences tell us about the language faculty?

8. What is E-Language? What is I-language? Which of these does Chomsky consider to be most important to linguistic theory? Why?