In the name of God

Assignment #4
English for Computer Engineering
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Doing this assignment may take about 3 hours, depending on your prior knowledge and skills.

Important tip: Use your dictionary (and also web search, if needed) whenever you encounter terms and phrases anywhere – including in your book, and in these questions – which you're not familiar with or are not sure about their meaning.

1. Read the three sections on the left-hand page of unit 11 of your textbook, including the image captions (page 32). Then complete the following sentences with words or phrases.
   a. When you click on a menu item, a/an ………….. appears.
   b. A/an ………….. lets you draw using the computer.
   c. Section B of the text indirectly classifies files into ………….. and …………..
   d. Section A of the text indirectly counts “controlling the hardware” among the …………..
   e. The fact that the ………….. are ………….., helps improve the user-friendliness of the OS user interface.
   f. ………….. are not parts of the operating system itself, although they are often …………..
   g. Many large companies employ ………….. as their operating system of choice.
   h. While section A of the text implies that only the ………….. OS is capable of supporting ………….., the reality is that all major modern OSes do support simultaneous …………..
   i. ………….. make PCs user-friendly for ………….. users.

2. Read about the meaning of the following terms – which are taken from the text of unit 11 – on the corresponding Wikipedia pages, and then answer the accompanying question(s) in your own words, using proper English. Short sentences are acceptable as answers, too.
      What are the main differences between computer appliances and PCs?
      Name two examples of desk accessories available on Microsoft Windows or on your favorite Linux distribution.
      (c1) Is it true that system extensions had no user interface?
      (c2) What are examples of similar mechanisms in other operating systems?
      What freedoms does the GPL license grant end users of free software?