Homework 2: Islands, Barriers and Successive Cyclicity

How would the Barriers approach account (or fail to account) for the facts below? Some of these examples may seem to be problems for Barriers; feel free to try to develop a solution for these, if you want, but you don't have to. Key ingredients include not only the crossing of barriers, but also (i) where constituents are attached (you might consider a few alternatives in the case of adjuncts); and (ii) what can/cannot adjoin to what. By the time the story is complete, just about the only thing you can adjoin to is VP!

(1) What did you buy [a picture of __]?
(2) *What were [pictures of ___] sold?
(3) *What will you cry [unless we discuss ___]?
(4) ??What did you hear [a rumor [that John sold ___]]?
(5) *When did you hear [a rumor [that John sold his car ___]]?
(6) *What did you meet [the man [that wrote ___]]?
(7) *Who does [that Mary loves ___] surprise you?
(8) *When do you wonder [whether Bill saw Mary ___]?
(9) ??Who do you wonder [whether Bill saw ___]?
(10) *Who did they leave [before meeting ___]?
(11) *Which book did John have [a friend [to whom to read ___]]?
(12) ??Which book did John announce [a plan [(for you) to read ___]]?