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This final examination consists of three sections, the third of which is optional. Please follow the instructions for each section carefully, and hand in the exam paper when you are finished. *Good luck!* 

- For each of the following 25 statements, circle the best continuation (A, B, C or D) on your exam paper. Carefully assess all the options. **Never circle more than a single option.** (25 points)
  - (1) The grammaticality of *The train was derailed on purpose* in contrast to the ungrammaticality of \**The train derailed on purpose* tells us that
    - A adverbials such as *on purpose* are dependent on the presence in the syntactic structure of a  $\nu$  that introduces an Agent  $\theta$ -role
    - B passive and unaccusative constructions differ with respect to whether their surface subject can be modified by an adjunct-PP
    - C the auxiliary be is the structural licenser of agent-oriented adverbials
    - D there is a morphological difference between the past participle found in passive constructions and the past participle occurring in unaccusatives
  - (2) Gerunds such as \*his carefully answering of the question are ungrammatical because
    - A they involve a fully clausal structure embedded under a DP
    - B the adverbial modifier *carefully* cannot combine with a projection of N
    - C the presence of the preposition of violates the Case Filter
    - D the genitival pronoun *his* cannot be licensed in the presence of the adverbial modifier *carefully*
  - (3) The grammaticality of *These photographs of himself seem to Bill to have been published illegally* suggests that
    - A the surface subject of raising verbs undergoes successive-cyclic movement via the SpecIP position of the embedded clause
    - B the surface subject of raising verbs can be reconstructed into the structural subject position of the infinitival clause
    - C the English anaphor *himself* can be bound in a context in which it is not c-commanded on the surface by its antecedent
    - D all of the statements in A–C are valid
- Are the following statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)? Circle the correct answer in the right margin. [25 statements in total] (25 points)
  - (1) The grammaticality of *She had Bill arrested for harassment* shows that passivisation does not systematically require the presence of the auxiliary *be*. T F
  - (2) The auxiliary of the perfect *have* and the auxiliary of the progressive *be* are both plausibly analysed as exponents of a functional head for grammatical Aspect.
  - Aspect. T F

    The fact that the quantifier *every* is in complementary distribution with the plural marker -s while the quantifier *all* is not indicates that *every* is basegenerated in the specifier of QP while *all* occupies the Q-head position. T F
- At the end of the exam, five additional true-or-false statements are given, which can earn you an extra five points to compensate for errors made in sections 1 and 2.