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(Intro to) Grammar

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Exam Duration: 2 hours

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Answer 10 questions of the following questions and maximize relevance in your answers.

- (1) Give four different complements for the English verb *believe*? Do we have the same set of possibilities in the Arabic counterpart?
- (2) What are the characterizing features of English Existential Sentences?
- (3) Discuss the salient properties of the following construction:
I have never met so stubborn a man to persuade.
- (4) Give three differences between the Adjectives and nouns in English? Is there any grammatical difference between the English Adjective and Arabic adjectives?
- (5) Which of the following sentences is ambiguous? Explain the ambiguity?
What can you draw from it about the nature of tense?
 - a. Bill said that Diana was pregnant.
 - b. Bill said that Mary is pregnant.
- (6) Explain the ambiguity of the interrogative phrase? Consider the possible answers for such type of questions?
What did every man bring to the party?
- (7) What are the basic lexical categories and functional categories?
Provide the definition of the lexical categories in terms of features?
- (8) State the Principle of Full interpretation and illustrate it with an example?
- (9) Explain the ungrammaticality of the following strings:
 - a. *John considers Bill sick.
 - b. *John saw him tall.
- (10) What is the salient semantic property of restrictive relative clauses (RRCs)?
- (11) Demonstrate the thesis that semantic interpretation in natural language is a function of syntactic structure?
- (12) Provide three tests for transitivity in the traditional conception?
- (13) Account for the ungrammaticality of the following strings:
 - a. *John₁ killed him₁.
 - b. *John₁ killed himself₂.

GOOD LUCK!