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(English) Grammar   (Moed B) 27.3.11
Exam Duration: 90 minutes   Dr. Samir Khalaily

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

(1)   Give three differences between English Restrictive Relative Clauses (RRCs) and Arabic RRCs?

(2)   Explain the following contrast:
   a. * How did John not cross the street?
   b. What did John not cross?

(3)   Specify at least one difference between head-to-head movement and other types of movement?

(4)   Account for the ungrammaticality of the following strings:
   a. *He$_1$ killed John$_1$.
   b. *He$_1$ killed him$_1$.

(5)   Demonstrate the thesis that semantic interpretation in natural language is a function of syntactic structure?

(6)   Give three common properties between determiner phrases and clauses?

(7)   Discuss the salient properties of the following construction:
   a. I have never met so stubborn a man to persuade.

(8)   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 sick.
   b. Bill said that Mary is sick.

(9)   Explain why the following string is ill-formed?
   a. * What John wrote?
   b. Exemplify five types of complements in English?

(10)   What are the basic lexical categories and functional categories? Provide the definition of the lexical categories in terms of features?

(11)   State the Principle of compositionality and illustrate it with an example?

(12)   Explain the ungrammaticality of the following strings:
   a. *John considers Bill sick
   b. *John saw Diana tall.

(13) Specify four syntactic positions of adverbials for English sentences with examples?

GOOD LUCK!