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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"Agreement between pronoun and antecedent:

The number and gender provide descriptive information about the referent, and at the same time narrow down the range of possible antecedents. [...]"

Rodney Huddleston & Geoffrey K. Pullum *et al.*, *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002, p. 1468.

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

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Excerpt 1

I'm hoping the Rubik's Cube will excite a new generation and get them into engineering.

New York Times, 07 August 2012

Excerpt 2

The chairman of the Denver County Republicans said she served on a subcommittee that studied the issues proposed on the cultural portion of the bond package. That subcommittee originally recommended a more measured approach, but ended up getting overruled by an executive committee that forwarded recommendations to the mayor.

Christopher N. Osher, *The A-I Guide*, 2007

Excerpt 3

The problem with New Labour is that they are not new and they are not Labour enough. Compass is calling for Labour to use the Scottish defeat as an opportunity to try and make the political weather, not just find the best place to shelter from it.

The Scotsman, 22 March 2008

Excerpt 4

Action must be taken in a child's early years to encourage them to enter higher education, writes Professor Petra Wend.

The Scotsman, 25 August 2012

Excerpt 5

According to Smith, Shell will deploy best-available pollution-control technology on its drill rigs, and all its aircraft in the region will use ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel, which substantially cuts emissions of nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. Lohman concedes that Shell has worked hard and spent a lot of money to address local concerns. "There's more of a partnership and dialogue now with the company than there used to be," he says.

Charles W. Schmidt, *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 2012

Excerpt 6

The cattle are growing restive at Cockhaise Farm in Haywards Heath, West Sussex. They can see the grass growing lush and green but they cannot get out to eat.

The Times, 12 May 2012

Excerpt 7

If your office feeder simply won't take no for an answer then let them think they've won the fight.

The Mirror, 11 June 2012

Excerpt 8

Once more the cat from the stables, who knew a kindred soul when she met one, jumped on his stomach and purred invitingly, but this time he was too preoccupied to tickle it behind the ear.

P.G. Wodehouse, *A Pelican at Blandings*, 1981

Excerpt 9

She had smiled towards me with a tacit understanding that I would look after her baby for a few moments. What danger after all could happen to it? (Perhaps she was less certain of his sex than I was. She knew the shape under the nappies, of course, but shapes can deceive: parts alter, operations are performed.) She could not see what I had seen – the tilted bowler and the umbrella over the arm. (No arm was yet apparent under the coverlet printed with pink rabbits.)

When she was safely out of the carriage I bent towards the basket and asked him a question.

Graham Greene, "Awful when you think of it", *May we Borrow your Husband?*, 1967

Excerpt 10

"How do you feel about it Miss Hinckley? Whoever killed Morris Althaus, do you want him caught? Caught and dealt with?"

Rex Stout, *The Doorbell Rang*, 1976

Excerpt 11

If the black child is placed in an environment which is hostile, the inevitable consequence of this will be repeated attacks on the child's personality which will cause severe damage to his or her self-esteem.

S. Morgan and P. Righton, *Childcare: Concerns and Conflicts*, 1989

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Excerpt 12

In East Texas, a Republican official sent out an e-mail newsletter saying it was time for Texas and Vermont to each "go her own way in peace" and sign a free-trade agreement among the states.

The New York Times, 23 November 2012

Excerpt 13

Even before they started in September, every student was hit with a hidden charge: for repayment purposes, the total cost of tuition is backdated to day one.

The Independent, 9 December 2012

Excerpt 14

Walking to Amy's address [...] I saw that it would have been no trick at all for someone to park near the corner. By then of course he would have had the engine started and would be ready to go.

Rex Stout, *The Father Hunt*, 1969

Excerpt 15

"My job is to make sure the person who loses feels like they have been treated fairly so that their supporters will support the winner," Dean told The Associated Press.

USA Today, 29 March 2008

Excerpt 16

Iran must know it's in their interest to come in from the cold.

The Sun, 31 October 2012

Excerpt 17

For some moments after silence had come like a poultice to heal the blows of sound, all that occupied his mind was the thought of what pests the gentler sex were when they got hold of a telephone.

P. G. Wodehouse, *Pigs Have Wings*, 1952

Excerpt 18

Also the functionality, if a Soldier doesn't like where a pull tab is or they don't like where Velcro is located or whatever, we can move it."

http://www.army.mil/article/86057/101st_Airborne_Division_female_Soldiers_first_to_test_prototype_body_armor/, 2012

Excerpt 19

I believe in a Scotland where everyone should have the chance to rise as far as their talents can take them, where the talents of each of us should contribute to the wellbeing of all and I believe that's what most people in Scotland also believe.

G. Brown, *BBC News*, 28 March 2008

Excerpt 20

On the basis of this analysis, a child with severe learning difficulties might have both delayed language, in that she would be functioning at a level below that normally expected for children of her age, and a deficit if her language skills were more severely affected than other areas.

John Harris, *Early Language Development*, 1990