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

SUBJECT

In English Grammar: an outline (1988: 61) Rodney Huddleston makes the following claim:

"A considerable number of verbs take PP complements where the preposition is fully determined by the verb itself and thus does not have any identifiable independent meaning of its own :

- (i) Many people referred to her article
- (ii) They charged him with perjury

Whereas the *to* of, say, the complement of direction in *He walked to the cemetery* is replaceable by *from*, *within, towards*, etc. that in (i) is not. Lexically it belongs with *refer*: the entry in the lexicon for *refer* must specify that it takes a complement headed by *to*. Syntactically, however, it belongs with *her article*, for *to her article* forms a constituent."

Discuss.

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

Excerpt n°1

The judges noted that when Congress wrote the 1980 immigration law, it specified that "any alien... may apply for asylum."

Time Magazine, "What Can a Kid Decide?", 2000/11/01

Excerpt n°2

At Chicago, an infant's creche was opened by the city's University. Small persons of three, four and five years, instead of keeping their doting parents at home by their screechings and other forms of infantile hilarity, can now be left to exercise their lungs as they see fit in a day nursery, while fathers and mothers attend to the sterner matters of life in the lecture room.

Time Magazine, 2000/11/01

Excerpt n°3

Herr Stinnes is not difficult to approach. Mr. Lee spoke with him for two hours in one of his hotels which bore signs at the door, French and Belgians Will Not Be Accommodated.

Time Magazine, "Ivy Lee a-Visiting", 1925/03/23

Excerpt n°4

I was with Col. Robins for a few moments. I spoke to him but he didn't recognize me.... He didn't say much. To a stranger there isn't much to be said.

Time Magazine, "Robins into Rogers", 1932/11/28

Excerpt n°5

I still feel about kings in general as Patrick Henry felt and spoke about George III.... However, I am ready to admit that some of the more recent English kings have been rather good fellows, in some respects.

Time Magazine, "Inside Information", 1936/04/13

Excerpt n°6

If I were struck by a drunk driver, for instance, Michael wouldn't have the legal standing to sue the bastard or help decide on my medical treatment.

Time Magazine, "Will Gay Marriage Be Legal?", 2000/02/21

Excerpt n°7

Imagine, a business tycoon who spends a third of his day "thinking... about... where the world is going"! This is behavior we normally attribute to poets and philosophers, people we pretend to take seriously but prefer to confine to the ivory towers of a university, where their radical social ideas will pose no threat to our selfish individualism.

Time Magazine, Letters, 1997/09/22

Excerpt n°8

The group's present plans call for a flexible response to new threats and for amplifying some of last year's unorganized response to campus violence.

Time Magazine, "Rational Alternatives", 1970/09/31

Excerpt n°9

To be hurt by the lead, you would have to consume high doses of calcium over many years, so researchers don't suggest you stop taking the pills. But they do call on the industry to get its act together.

Time Magazine, "Your Health", 2000/10/02

Excerpt n°10

But success in Hollywood can be fickle, so Swank has hired a team to help her climb through the window of opportunity that Boys has opened.

Time Magazine, "She's a Big Girl Now", 2000/01/17

Excerpt n°11

There were screams of mock-horror when the Devil popped from a trapdoor, careened fiendishly over the stage, diabolically swished a crimson tail. Then the audience commented on the beauty of the setting when, as the Cathedral in the background was streaked with soft shadows, Everyman prepared to climb into his grave, pathetically imploring: Alas! Whereto may I trust?

Time Magazine, "God at Canterbury", 1929/09/02

Excerpt n°12

He and Ury, an American and a co-founder of Harvard Law School's negotiation program, popped into a pub to warm up over tea. Then the pair came up with the idea for the eParliament.

Time Magazine, "A Google for Global Politics", 2004/01/03

Excerpt n°13

Fassie determinedly put on a frenetic dance show. Suddenly her breasts popped out of her costume. The audience gasped, but Fassie unabashedly grabbed her bare bosom and thrust it at the crowd. "This," she proclaimed, "is Africa!"

Time Magazine, "The Madonna of the Townships", 2001/09/15

Excerpt n°14

Why is every wrong thing done by Muslims automatically blamed on Islam? Does anyone imagine that there would be instant peace in the Middle East if all Arabs were to convert to Christianity?

Time Magazine, Letters, 2004/10/04

Excerpt n°15

He is enraged by the notion of priests preying on children. But he says he can not stay silent while all gay priests are blamed for such crimes.

Time Magazine, "Inside The Church's Closet", 2002/12/20

Excerpt n°16

He transferred to Oxford, where he studied everything from climatology to biophysics, but when he wanted to write a thesis on energy-resource strategy, he was told to pick "a real subject."

Time Magazine, "Enemies of Waste", 2000/04/26

Excerpt n°17

As the week drew to a close, the bones of the nation's historic dead were solemnly transferred from the Cathedral, where they had been watched over by 62 tumbago statues, to a new resting place at the base of the Independence Monument.

Time Magazine, "Mexican Holiday", 1925/09/28

Excerpt n°18

"People in Brussels are saying that I and my boy Leopold, Crown Prince, will lose a brilliant golf partner when U. S. Ambassador Henry Prather Fletcher is transferred down to Italy."

Time Magazine, 1924/03/03

Excerpt n°19

As white collars increasingly rely on e-mail and download documents from the Net, fewer copies are being made each year, and sales of machines are nearly flat.

Time Magazine, "An Image Problem at Xerox", 2000/10/30

Excerpt n°20

"You wouldn't want to end up like me. Forced to depend on complete strangers for food and attention!"

Time Magazine, "Fish and Quips", 2000/09/04

Excerpt n°21

The message the President is sending is that his foreign policy is going to be based on reality. Time Magazine, "Dubya Talks the Talk", 2001/04/02