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

SUBJECT:

"The problem of control concerns how to determine the understood subject of infinitival or gerundive VPs that lack an overt local subject, for instance the bracketed constituents in (I).

- (I)
- a. John_i likes [to_i dance with Sarah]
 - b. John_i enjoys [_i dancing with Sarah]
 - c. John_i talked to Sarah_j about [_{i/j/i+j/gen} dancing with Jeff]
 - d. John_i urged Sarah_j [to_{j/*i/*i+j/*gen} dance with Jeff]

[...] One tradition in approaching control, beginning with Rosenbaum (1967) and continuing to such works as Chomsky (1981) [...] contends that the solution to the control problem involves primarily syntactic factors (while generally acknowledging that semantics plays some role). Another tradition, beginning with Jackendoff (1969c), [...] focuses on the importance of semantic factors, in particular the lexical semantics of the predicate that selects the infinitival or gerundive complement."

Peter Culicover and Ray Jackendoff. *Simpler Syntax*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 415-416.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

"I could see the Potomac, the landing gear was down, and suddenly we're going back up, sharply," Gutner said. "The pilot didn't say anything for several minutes, and I'm sure I wasn't the only person worried about terrorism. The pilot finally came on and said there was an aircraft in the runway that prevented us from landing."

Metro, 30 March 2011

Excerpt 2

Comcast clearly cares about its image in the nation's news-obsessed capital. The company vowed to improve NBC's news operation as part of its effort to win support for the deal at the Justice Department and Federal Communications Commission, which is concerned about the quality of programming on the airwaves that local TV stations use.

Money, 27 January 2011

Excerpt 3

Before last season, offensive line coach Bob Young wanted to move Matthews to left tackle, but would not force him. Near the end of the season, Young brought up the move again, and Matthews said he would do it if the team needed him to make the switch. "Before Don signed with Denver, Bob talked to me about making the change if we lost Don," Matthews says.

Houston Chronicle, 14 March 1993

Excerpt 4

In this camp is Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. He's argued that now isn't the time to slash government spending or raise taxes. Instead, Bernanke has urged Congress and the White House to preserve federal stimulus including tax cuts in the short run but draft a plan to reduce the deficit over the long run.

Business News, 15 February 2011

Excerpt 5

"Fine! I have a lot of work to do here to get the gym and apparatus ready for next term," Mr. Roberts went on, "so if you really want to enter track next term and show your family what you can do, meet me here every day. I'll get you into shape so you can sign up for track. But you must promise me to do just as I say and not try and do things too fast." Lonnie promised eagerly.

Child Life, 2001

Excerpt 6

The philosopher Sidney Hook tried to persuade America's antiwar intellectuals to come out in favor of American participation in World War II, which meant giving up on ultra-left-wing recriminations and fantasies.

New York Times, 30 January 2011

Excerpt 7

When I was six my father said you name it I buy it, but I said I want for us to have some time at the park. When we went to the park he said to me "you know son if you follow your dream you can reach for that goal, and even if I die I'll always be in your heart." Four years later I was 10 and one day when he came from work he said to me to never give up, to never back down and never stop your goal on something you want to be.

Atlanta Journal Constitution, 15 June 2006

Excerpt 8

Based on the Alexandre Dumas novel *La Dame aux Camélias*, the romantic tragedy centers on glamorous courtesan Violetta Valry, bedeviled by consumption. She finds love with Alfredo Germont, but is persuaded to give him up for the sake of his family's reputation, concealing her true motives so Alfredo believes she is merely returning to her reckless adventuring.

ZEST, 2011

Excerpt 9

American, he said, is trying to discredit union officials and that won't help to repair the relationship. A resolution remains unclear. Negotiations over the integration of Reno with American currently are recessed. The union plans to appeal the fine that U.S. District Court Judge Joe Kendall slapped on it for ignoring his order to return to work during the sickout.

Houston Chronicle, 1999

Excerpt 10

Ald. Rey Colon has been called a Mayor Daley loyalist and someone who rarely has anything to say at Council meetings. He also is viewed in some quarters as having failed to deliver on his promise to run a transparent office. But Colon's independent streak — he voted against the parking meter lease and relocating the Chicago Children's Museum to Grant Park — earns him our endorsement.

Commentary Magazine, 2011

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Excerpt 11

Q. Do you plan to write of your combat experiences in World War II? (Hillerman won the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, and the Purple Heart while in the Army from 1943 to 1945.) A. My publisher, HarperCollins, is talking to me about writing a memoir.

Chicago Sun Times, 13 September 1998

Excerpt 12

She had read the autobiography of Maya Angelou, whose poetry decorates the school's walls. "She reminded me of myself, because she went through a lot when she was little. Her mother and father left her, but she went on," says Hendrix, who will attend Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., in the fall. "Some people told me that going back to school wouldn't make a difference because I was too set in my ways," adds Ms. Sherman. "But that's not the way it has to be. It's never too late."

Christian Science Monitor, 1999

Excerpt 13

Mark Zuckerberg, who created Facebook at the ripe old age of 19, recently told *Newsweek* that maintaining his site's relevancy is one of his primary goals. But Zuckerberg doesn't like to call it "social networking." "The social graph is this thing that exists in the world, it always has, and it always will," the Harvard dropout, now 23, told *Newsweek*.

Denver Post, 7 October 2007

Excerpt 14

President Bush left for home today with a Japanese agreement to buy more American cars and \$10 billion more in auto parts, but the car makers he brought with him denounced the Japanese pledges as woefully inadequate. Even Bush Administration officials were saying the arrangements, worked out in the long and often bitter negotiations, fell far short of meeting the goals set by the White House for improving American exports to Japan and thus creating more jobs in the United States.

New York Times, 10 January 1992

Excerpt 15

There were also unannounced midlevel contacts involving American and Iranian officials on the sidelines of six-country talks on Afghanistan in Geneva several years ago. A determining factor in the American decision to attend the meeting this weekend appeared to have been Iran's reaction to the fact that Ms. Rice signed a letter that was part of the package of political and economic incentives presented by the six powers in Tehran last month.

New York Times, 17 July 2008

Excerpt 16

Hue was anxious about going. Operation Lam Son 719's goal was to cut the Viet Cong's supply route from the Ho Chi Minh Trail. "Some would say it was my sixth sense, some bad thing was coming. And I even talked to David about adopting my daughters, I worried very much," he says, holding his hand near his heart. He tried to talk Wiseman into going with him. "I didn't want to get into that much trouble with the State Department because I had direct orders, I could not go," says Wiseman.

Washington Post, 21 November 1991

Excerpt 17

"I don't have anything against Kenny," Guillen said, "a lot of miscommunication, misunderstanding, a lot of disagreements, but that's part of my job, that's part of our job. To me that thing is way behind. I got a lot of things to worry about. I got 25 players, plus three kids and a wife. That's 29 people I have to worry about." Guillen's comments Sunday came in the wake of chairman Jerry Reinsdorf saying Saturday that while Williams never has talked to Reinsdorf about firing Guillen, the yelling match the two got into June 8 had to be resolved. Reinsdorf said things are now "back to normal."

The Chicago Sun Times, 21 June 2010

Excerpt 18

You may have noticed that I haven't used the women's names. This is because Mystery told me never to introduce myself. That's for A.F.C.'s. Wait for the woman to introduce herself: that way you know if she's interested. It's what Mystery calls an Indicator of Interest, or I.O.I., and when one gets three or four I.O.I.'s, the option to see the woman again is on the table. The taller one asked what my sign was — another I.O.I. She suggested spending time together in Miami, and gave me cellphone numbers for both of them. But what elated me even more was that she bought me a drink.

New York Times, 1 April 2004