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

SUBJECT:

"This form of presupposition which consists in pointing back to some previous item is known as anaphora. What is presupposed anaphorically may be in the sentence immediately preceding, but it may also be in some earlier sentence. Or it may be the whole of some longer passage."

M.A.K. Halliday & R. Hasan, *Cohesion in English*, Ch. 1, Introduction, 1976.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

This is a city of 3 million people. You have to win the hearts and minds. "In a place like Nigeria, that won't be so easy."

Newsweek, January 9, 2012

Excerpt 2

If a half-hour walk leaves you tired, good: a midday nap not only can restore brain power to its fully awake best but can also raise it beyond what it would have been without some shut-eye.

Newsweek, January 9, 2012

Excerpt 3

Without my noticing them, two people had just sat down on the radiator, a man and a woman, both of them older than I was, no doubt older than anyone else in the room – he around thirty-five, she in her late twenties or early thirties.

Paul Auster, *Invisible*, 2009

Excerpt 4

As you are reading these words, you are taking part in one of the wonders of the natural world. For you and I belong to a species with a remarkable ability: we can shape events in each other's brains with exquisite precision. I am not referring to telepathy or mind control or the other obsession of fringe science; even in the depiction of believers these are blunt instruments compared to an ability that is uncontroversially present in every one of us. That ability is language.

Steven Pinker, *The Language Instinct*, 1994

Excerpt 5

Bruce smiled to himself as Dick's chatter brightened the Cave. He had definitely missed the boy, and had learned more about farming techniques than he had ever thought possible to know.

<http://bradygirl-12.dreamwidth.org/864194.html>, 2012

Excerpt 6

Fat Brazilians? In a body-conscious society whose gifts to global culture include the Girl from Ipanema, the tango and Gisele Bundschen, the idea seems heretical. Yet a government study released late last month confirms it: Brazil is experiencing an epidemic of obesity.

New York Times, January 13, 2005

Excerpt 7

He conducted a random search of his room in the early hours of the morning, bursting in unannounced and went through all of his drawers and pockets. When the son questioned why he was doing this, he told him that he was acting on a tip-off from a school buddy of his who casually mentioned that they had both earned a bit of spare cash the previous week.

To further demonstrate the ways of the government, he confiscated all of that money and also took his stereo and television. He told him he was selling these and keeping the money to compensate "the government household" for having to make the raid. He also told him that he was fortunate that this was only a one week course, otherwise he would have locked him in his room for a month as further punishment.

<http://ecclesia.org/truth/teach.html>, 2012

Excerpt 8

I remember hearing a fascinating discussion one morning about driving and psychology. A study had been published that showed most people, when asked, thought that they were good drivers, and virtually everyone rated themselves as above average, compared with other drivers.

<http://thomasoduffy.com/2011/11/marketing-strategies-start-with-the-mind/>, 2011

Excerpt 9

My final Item was a cake covered in funfetti icing with "extreme freestyle hacking" on the top. What I wanted to happen was that everyone would be so turned off by the terrible looking "hacked" food that they would be led to what appeared to be the only edible thing... the cake! This part pretty much worked. No one really touched any of my food. I was asked a couple times what the stuff was, and I would just kinda mumble and avoid the question. I could also tell that people were really only interested in the cake. I got comments like "Oh Josh, did you bake that?" and "That cake looks good".

The only downfall was that no one helped themselves to the cake. Maybe if I had a piece cut out already then people might have attacked it, but I guess no one wanted to be the 1st person to cut the cake.

<http://www.actlab.utexas.edu/>, 2012

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Excerpt 10

I made chicken soup in 20 minutes last weekend using my juicer. I was amazed! It was an experiment that actually worked. I simply began with chicken broth and juiced the following: carrots, celery, tomato, green onion, garlic, and a little bit of yellow onion. After I added the juiced veggies to the broth, I completely cheated with the chicken. I defrosted it in the microwave, cut it into small pieces, and boiled it (with a chicken bullion cube) for a few minutes until it was cooked.

<http://allrecipes.com/howto/soup-up-your-chicken-soup/>, 2010

Excerpt 11

Next deal with your chicken. We found it's more cost effective to buy a whole chicken and cut it up; however we've also found that this isn't really the best way to make friends in university residential halls (people will think you're some kind of butcher weirdo).

<http://www.jemmaeatworld.com/2011/08/recipe-normandy-chicken/>, 2011

Excerpt 12

Dr. Hill showed heterosexual men and women photographs of people. She asked them to rate both how attractive those of their own sex would be to the opposite sex, and how attractive the members of the opposite sex were. She then compared the scores for the former with the scores for the latter, seen from the other side. Men thought that the men they were shown were more attractive to women than they really were, and women thought the same of the women.

The Economist, December 29, 2011

Excerpt 13

Long before the murder marked them out, people spoke of the Turners in the hard, careless voices reserved for misfits, outlaws and the self-exiled. The Turners were disliked, though few of their neighbours had ever met them, or even seen them in the distance. Yet what was there to dislike? They simply 'kept themselves to themselves'; that was all. They were never seen at district dances, or fêtes, or gymkhanas. They must have had something to be ashamed of; that was the feeling. It was not right to seclude themselves like that; it was a slap in the face of everyone else; what had they got to be so stuck-up about? What, indeed! Living the way they did!

Doris Lessing, *The Grass is Singing*, 1950

Excerpt 14

Poor Eliot sounds tired to death. His London letter is all a maze of words. One feels the awful effort behind it - as though he were being tortured. But perhaps that's all wrong and he enjoys writing it. I don't think people ought to be as tired as that, though. It is wrong.

Katherine Mansfield, <http://www.katherinemansfieldsociety.org/>, 1921

Excerpt 15

It is one thing to have an idea; we can all of us guess and sometimes make a lucky guess. It is quite another thing to produce a proof of the correctness of that idea. Darwin thought he had that proof in his notebooks. He saw that all animals had a struggle to survive. Those which were best at surviving their environment passed on the good qualities which had helped them to their descendants. This was called 'the survival of the fittest'. For example, in a cold climate, those who have the warmest fur will live. Darwin believed that this necessity for an animal to deal with its environment explained the immense variety of creatures.

A. M. Newt, *Britain and the World*, Penguin, 1966