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

SUBJECT:

"[According to] the theory of ACCESSIBILITY, which holds that distinct nominal categories (pronouns, reflexives, full noun phrases, etc.) are used to signal differences in the accessibility or retrievability of their referents within a given context (Ariel 1988, 1990, Givón 1989, Ward *et al.* 1991, Gundel *et al.* 1993), [...] full noun phrases (names and descriptive phrases) are used when a referent is not highly accessible within the immediate context. Pronouns, in contrast, are used when a referent is easily retrievable within the immediate context."

Karen van Hoek, "Conceptual Reference Points: A Cognitive Grammar Account of Pronominal Anaphora Constraints", *Language* 71.2, 1995, pp. 310-340: 313.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

There was an experiment where researchers were given a set of rats and told to rate their ability to learn mazes. They were told that certain rats were "smart rats" and had an abnormally high IQ. When the researchers tested the rats, their studies showed that the "smart rats" performed significantly better than the ordinary rats.

The experiment, however, wasn't focused on the rats, it was testing the researchers. All of the rats were the same, but telling the researchers that some of the rats were smart caused them to rate the rats better, even though there was no difference.

<http://www.productivity501.com/the-rat-experiment/30/>, 2005

Excerpt 2

According to initial reporting about the story, the pharmacist "suspected" the Methergine prescription may have been called in on behalf of a woman who had undergone an abortion. She asked the nurse practitioner for what reason she was prescribing the medication, and when the nurse practitioner told the pharmacist providing that information would violate patient confidentiality, the pharmacist not only refused to fill the prescription - but refused to refer the nurse practitioner to another pharmacy.

<http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/>, 2011

Excerpt 3

In June 2000 Sheila was a single mom with a young son and about to be laid off from the human resources position she had with a Tier I automotive supplier. When a friend asked her what she was going to do, she told her that she really didn't know. The job market was tight and she really wanted to work for herself and use the gifts that she had to assist others, but had no clue what that looked like. A friend suggested that she "do what she had always done". When she asked her what she meant, she said that for as long as she had known her, she had always been organizing things and people and moving projects along.

<http://www.thirdeyegroup.org/SheilaBio.cfm>, 2005

Excerpt 4

The decisions taken this week by Barack Obama and David Cameron, and the language they use to convey them, may come to determine the speed and character of the West's withdrawal from Afghanistan over the next two years.

The Guardian, 13 March 2012

Excerpt 5

Re: AT&T WIFI connect problem

I just did the same thing today, spent hours on the phone with customer service and no one could help, though they tried. I have tried and tried and as you stated it just takes me to my yahoo home page. I'll post if I eventually get it to work, customer service told me they would contact the appropriate people about the wrong web address.

<http://forums.att.com/>, 2008

Excerpt 6

Passchendaele church was totally destroyed by shellfire in 1917. However, it has since been reconstructed and now dominates the village square. Within the church are memorial windows in honour of the 66th Division. There are three windows. The left states "1914" at the bottom, with the names and shields of several northern towns above, including Bury, Accrington, Bolton, Blackburn and Wigan. The larger central window states "66th Division, British Expeditionary Force, In Memoriam". Above St George is pictured, and further up a shield with three lions representing the Duchy of Lancaster. The shields and names of Manchester and Salford are towards the top. The right window states "1918" and has more shields, of Padiham, Bacup, Todmorden and others.

<http://www.w1battlefields.co.uk/flanders/passchendaele.html>, 2007

Excerpt 7

The Church of England is the successor of the medieval church in England. It has its own liturgy, the Book of Common Prayer dating from 1549 and the Alternative Service Book which was introduced in 1980. It is divided into two provinces, Canterbury in the south and York in the north of England. The archbishops of these respective provinces are the two most senior clergy in the Church. Each province contains a number of dioceses, defined administrative areas presided over by a bishop who has exclusive jurisdiction within it. The province of Canterbury has 30 dioceses, including the Diocese of Europe, and the province of York has 14.

<http://www.britannia.com/church/ch12.html>, 1998

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Excerpt 8

He checked on the children and then went to the other bedroom and took off his clothes. He pulled the covers up, closed his eyes, and allowed himself to think. The feeling started in his face and worked down into his stomach and legs. He opened his eyes and rolled his head back and forth on the pillow. Then he turned on his side and fell asleep.

In the morning, after she had sent the children off to school, Doreen came into the bedroom and raised the shade. Earl was already awake.

"Look at yourself in the mirror," he said.

"What?" she said. "What are you talking about?"

"Just look at yourself in the mirror," he said.

Raymond Carver, *Short Cuts*, 1993

Excerpt 9

Like the Basques the Catalans thought of themselves as separate from Spain. They too had a language and culture of their own, and expected to gain autonomy when the Republic was founded. The main Catalan political parties were the ERC (Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya), which was a Left Republican nationalist party founded in 1931, and the PSUC (Partido Socialista Unificado de Catalunya), the United Catalan Socialist Party, which was formed in 1936 from several Socialist and Communist groups. The latter was affiliated to COMINTERN and was the Communist Party in Catalonia.

<http://www.users.dircon.co.uk/>, 2011

Excerpt 10

Around 2,000 students in the Afghan city of Jalalabad join a protest on Tuesday against the US-led military campaign in their country. They demand that the US soldier who killed 16 Afghan civilians is put on trial in Afghanistan. The US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, says the US will ensure the murderer is held to account.

The Guardian, 13 March 2012

Excerpt 11

Kate Middleton visits charity for recovering addicts in Liverpool

Almost 8,000 miles away from her husband, the Duchess of Cambridge spends Valentine's Day at an alcohol-free bar.

The Duchess of Cambridge spent her first Valentine's Day since her wedding almost 8,000 miles from her husband, as she continued her charitable work at a "dry bar" in Liverpool that helps recovering addicts.

On what was her first engagement outside London without Prince William – who is on duty as an RAF search and rescue pilot in the Falklands – she told members of the public that flowers and a card from him had arrived in the morning.

The Guardian, 14 February 2012