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SUBJECT:

"In some constructions the adverb *so*, used anaphorically, is similar in meaning to anaphoric *it* and *that* (occasionally *this*). [...] Note that *it* is more definite in its reference than *so*."

R.W. Zandvoort, *Handbook of English Grammar* (2nd edition), London: Longman, 1962, p. 150.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

Guthrie: 'It's so interesting because you bore that secret for almost 40 years.'

Sen-Brown: 'Yeah.'

Guthrie: 'And then when you revealed it, you did so publicly.'

NBC News, 21 February 2011

Excerpt 2

One of the ways the Founders limited the powers of Congress was that they enumerated them. They listed them carefully, one by one. And - the crafty critters - they did so in writing. Most of these enumerated powers are in Article I.

The American Spectator, November 2011

Excerpt 3

He developed pet issues and pet newsmakers, such as Chiang Kai-shek and, in the early 1930s, Benito Mussolini, with whose Italian brand of fascism Luce was briefly infatuated until Hitler's German brand caused him to think again. But once Luce's success was assured, whenever he traveled or adopted a cause, he did so as if he himself were a head of state and not a journalist.

American Scholar, November 2010

Excerpt 4

'Where's Eric?' Jaime turned to face him because not to do so would be rude and she knew her mother would've called her on it.

N. Bryant, *Message from a Mistress*, 2010

Excerpt 5

The fact is often overlooked that when the election took place - amid unprecedented violence and intimidation - the Nazi Party scored only 44 per cent of the vote. Almost six out of every ten of those Germans who voted did not do so for Hitler.

G. Milton, *History Today*, 2011

Excerpt 6

'I remember it a little differently,' he said. 'We weren't asking whether Roger had a right to wear a flag pin. I would never do that. What we were talking about, if I remember correctly, was whether anchors should wear flag pins.'

T. Junod, *Esquire*, 2011

Excerpt 7

Once, a Buddhist monk asked if they would be praying over the food, she says. Then a Muslim gentleman who was behind him in line said, 'Oh, actually, we don't do that,' Weleski recounts, describing how they continued to chat about Islam and Buddhism.

N. Roberts, *Promoting Cross-Cultural Understanding through Food and Art*, 2011

Excerpt 8

He published his first collection of poems, *Voices of the Night*, in 1839. Although he liked teaching, he hated lecturing and didn't like being a professor enough to want to do it forever.

American Scholar, 2011

Excerpt 9

'Yes, tell me,' Jerrold croons. 'I'd love to know where this leads.'

'He had told us the Noah story, that a man could build a boat to fit all those animals, and I just couldn't believe it, so I said so.'

Orna says, 'Always challenging things, even as a child!'

Z. Klein, *Money in the Dust*, 2010

Excerpt 10

'I was with him during the '08 campaign. I really thought Afghanistan was the war we should be fighting. But now I don't believe so.'

USA, 15 December 2010

Excerpt 11

Tatton: 'You said you were disappointed. Was there anything that you could have heard that would have changed your mind? What would you have liked to have heard?'

Ericsson: 'I would have liked to have heard documentation of her paper trail. It seems that, from the conference call, if they kept saying she has the judicial philosophy and character to be an

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unchanging conservative, over and over and over, we would believe that and I would like to believe that, but I have yet to see anything in a paper trail that would actually show that.'

CNN 'On Story', 16 October 2005

Excerpt 12

I knew I'd be successful; I've believed it since I was eight. If you're small and you can play soccer, or you can hit a baseball or you can write then do it, do it, do it. The only person who can stand in your way is yourself.

The Observer, 29 January 2012

Excerpt 13

And she told me, 'They changed the laws. You can't get your driver's license until you're 18 years old.' Yeah. And I'm supposed to believe this as I sit in a classroom where I've got friends who are getting permits.

NBC, 27 March 2011

Excerpt 14

Stoddard: 'The administration is opposed to the omnibus spending bill. They haven't come out and said so publicly.'

Baier: 'But why not?'

Stoddard: 'They're not making suspect portative statements and they encourage for stop gap continuing resolution.'

Fox Special Report, 15 December 2010

Excerpt 15

The doctor came into the examination room and said so matter-of-factly, 'Oh, you're HIV-positive.' His back was to me; he never looked at me that day. He just said it and walked out. It was October 1991.

E.L. Harris, Passing for Straight, 2004

Excerpt 16

Hello, America. There is something I want you to consider tonight, the president's budget. Has the country or any country ever devalued it's a way to economic prosperity? That you have to answer. I hope so - because that is the path our government is taking us down. I've been warning for years that our current fiscal path is unsustainable. I said this under George W. Bush and I was mocked and called a fearmonger. And conservatives told me, oh, you're just trying to lose the election for George W. Bush, and it was innocence then and it's nonsense now from the left. It's an unsustainable path. People in Washington on the left used to say it until they got into power.

Beck, 15 February 2011

Excerpt 17

Is the Prius the future of automobiles? I hope NOT!

Working in Philadelphia this week, I rented a 2010 Toyota Prius. I flew in on July 5th and they had practically no cars available from the July 4th holiday, so they gave me the "key" to a Prius (Note to Hertz: You say it's silver, I say it's pea green. Let's agree to disagree.) Overall, the car was absolutely horrible.

<http://erikwebb.net/>, 2011

Excerpt 18

'No one loves me any more,' sighed Keith Floyd in self-imposed exile in Spain. 'No, no!' cried house-guest Bill Nott, he of the *Daily Telegraph*. 'They love you still. Let's ring a few of your old pals and they'll tell you so.'

The Guardian, 4 March 1999

Excerpt 19

About the destruction, Morrissey first said, 'I think that everybody knows who's responsible for it. Detective Huff signed the destruction form.'

Later in the same interview, he said, 'I've never said who was responsible for this. I didn't hear the evidence in this case, and I can't say Detective Huff was responsible. I can't tell you that. I don't know that.'

Denver Post, 22 July 2007