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

**SUBJECT:**

- " 4a. I<sub>i</sub> hate to PRO<sub>i</sub> admit it.  
 4b. She<sub>i</sub> persuaded him<sub>j</sub> to PRO<sub>j</sub> stay.  
 4c. She<sub>i</sub> promised him to PRO<sub>i</sub> stay.

The various theories proposed to account for obligatory control in verb complements are essentially of two types: configurational or semantic/lexicalist. Configurational accounts, following Rosenbaum (1967), are typically based on the so-called Minimal Distance Principle (MDP), according to which PRO is controlled by the closest NP higher in the phrase structure (in generative terms, the closest 'c-commanding' NP). In sentences such as (4a), the subject is closest and hence, the controller. In ditransitives, there is an intervening object, usually resulting in object control as in (4b) – but not in (4c). Thus, MDP accounts for the dominating patterns of subject control in simple transitive structures and of object control in ditransitives, but leaves *promise* as a lexical exception.

On the semantic/lexicalist approach, first pursued by Jackendoff (1972), these control patterns are essentially semantic and depend on the meaning of the matrix verb."

Benjamin Lyngfelt, 'Control Phenomena'. In Frank Brisard *et al.*, *Grammar, Meaning and Pragmatics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2009, p. 36.

Discuss.

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

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**Excerpt 1**

Daley would like her to keep out of the public eye, and some colleagues would like her to just leave. But for a campaign whose support from the party's liberal base is shaky, the first African-American woman ever to manage a major presidential campaign can not be fired.

*Chicago Sun-Times, 13/08/2000*

**Excerpt 2**

The number of refugees in the capital is dwindling, as most of the men have gone home to try to revive devastated herds and withered crops.

The women and the kids would like to join them, but many don't have enough money.

*Associated Press, 20/01/2012*

**Excerpt 3**

The City of Seattle asked people to get home before dark if possible, fearing even worse icing conditions by nightfall. And authorities told pedestrians to be extra careful on sidewalks and to look out for "falling ice from trees, buildings and power lines."

*Associated Press, 20/01/2012*

**Excerpt 4**

There, they'd be told by a judge to perform community service to pay back the neighborhood and possibly participate in social services to address underlying issues, such as alcoholism or unemployment.

*San Francisco Chronicle, 27/07/2007*

**Excerpt 5**

And then the detective thought there was a major problem with the logic of the story Elicia had first told him about being awakened that night. The doors opened, alarm followed by gunfire. But that's not what Elicia said. She told the police she heard the pop, pop, pop, then the alarm went off.

*NBC, 'Dateline', 22/06/2008*

**Excerpt 6**

He had no theory, he said - he was just watching the news and listening to the rumors, like I was, and that he wanted to know what I knew. And I told him about the wallet being found in Modesto.

*CNN, 'Talk back', 27/07/1999*

**Excerpt 7**

Look, here is the problem. The "Columbia Review" study talked about taking newspapers to nonprofit status. In fact, for at least the last 40 years most journalists on these papers think they've been engaged in some sort of nonprofit enterprise. They see newspapers as a public trust.

*Fox, Journal, 14/11/2009*

**Excerpt 8**

It's hard to read lips in a crowd. When people talked to me about getting a cochlear implant, though, I never was interested.

*Gail Wescott, 'A Joyful Noise', People 58, 2002*

**Excerpt 9**

"We felt that there was no reason for Ronald Perelman to withhold the payments that he had promised him to pay, and we're gratified that the jury agreed with us."

*New York Times, 28/01/2012*

**Excerpt 10**

The Bradys would have to agree to hold it in their house or not at all. Eventually Rose persuaded them to hold the reception in the house.

*John McGahern, Amongst Women, 1990*

**Excerpt 11**

And will the six percent, which the Director of Education has been instructed to save across all central budgets, be enough to cover this years' education overspend?

*Bradford Metropolitan Council Meeting, 17/07/1991*

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**Excerpt 12**

Jerry Brown charged Deutch with violating an earlier court order that directed her to repay dissatisfied customers.

*USA Today*, 24/05/2011

**Excerpt 13**

As the flames became more intense, he said he shouted to the girls to get out.

Central Television scripts, 1994 (BNC)

**Excerpt 14**

No interviewer is going to ask you to enlarge or elaborate. As for your own feelings, however difficult you may find it I urge you to overcome them.

*The Guardian*, 02/02/2013

**Excerpt 15**

Ken Bates has vowed to go all the way to the House of Lords if necessary in his fight for Stamford Bridge.

*Northern Echo*, 1994

**Excerpt 16**

From an international perspective, critics argued that the administration's policy was yet another way to impose American values on the other nations. Moreover, they claimed, because it reflected both the lack of political realism and the importance of American moral principles in shaping foreign policy, it was another American attempt to shape global politics.

James M. McCormick, *American Foreign Policy and Process*, 2010

**Excerpt 17**

Exactly what the donors intended her to do with their money became Healy's lasting headache.

*Newsweek*, 17/12/2001

**Excerpt 18**

Reverend Oliver shouted over the music and the clapping, shouted about making sacrifices in our lives.

*The Southern Review* 41, 2005

**Excerpt 19**

"I was 106 pounds. My hair was thinning," she said. The irony is that she was getting featured even more prominently, opening and closing shows. A friend confronted her and talked to her about taking better care of herself.

*Dishing on Fashion*, 06/02/2007

**Excerpt 20**

Around five, Captain Tommy called from his Newport office. He wanted to meet at the *Laredo II* in 15 minutes. His voice, usually so calm and cool and controlled, was nervous.

I got into my jogging clothes and made it to Bay Avenue seven minutes before Captain Tommy.

*Orange Coast Magazine*, 03/1987

**Excerpt 21**

On his second day in office, he declared a formal end to the Bush-era interrogation program and announced that he would close the prison at Guantanamo Bay next year. But he has upset civil liberties advocates with his decisions to leave prisoners at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan in legal limbo.

*Washington Post*, 10/05/2009