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SUBJECT:

"The singular form of pro-nominal **one** is homonymous with the determinative *one*, and since the latter (like cardinal numerals in general) can occur as a fused head, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the homonyms. Pro-nominal **one** belongs to the class of common nouns — more specifically, of count nouns — and we will represent it, for convenience, as **one_{ct}**, with the determinative represented as *one_d*.

The main syntactic differences between **one_{ct}** and *one_d* are as follows:

- [9] i **One_{ct}** functions only as (non-fused) head in NP structure; *one_d* functions as determiner or modifier, either with a following head or in fusion with the head.
- ii **One_{ct}** inflects for number (with *ones* as plural form); *one_d* does not.
- iii Singular *one_{ct}*, like other count singular nouns, requires a preceding determiner.
- iv *One_d* cannot normally follow a modifier in NP structure."

Huddleston, R. and G. K. Pullum *et al.*, *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*. Cambridge: CUP, 2002, p. 1513.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

Santorum, whose fortunes have ebbed since what appeared to be a narrow loss in Iowa, pronounced himself the winner there after all when state party officials in Des Moines announced he had finished 34 votes ahead of Romney instead of eight behind. "There have been two contests. We won one," he said, and he proceeded to ridicule Romney and Gingrich as weak challengers to Obama. "How can you differentiate ourselves on the major issues of the day if we nominate tweedledum and tweedledee instead of someone who stood up and said, 'No'?" he said to one audience, referring to his opposition to a requirement to purchase health care coverage.

David Epsos, *Political News*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 2

Different plot lines in the same narrative differ from one another in one or more of these factors. The three main patterns of difference out of the eight possible ones are same persons, different times and locations; same place, different persons and times; and difference in all three. A rarer form is the case of sameness of persons and place, but disjoint time frames. It is the relative extent and theme of each plot line that decides which one is major and which minor. The different plot lines in a narrative can be interrelated in a variety of ways: shared person(s), convergence of locations, an event in one line triggering events in the other, parallel situations, reference in one plot line to events in another, and a shared thematic and symbolic dimension.

Monika Fludernik and Uri Margolin, *Style*, 2004 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 3

A couple of nuns then approached — not the habitless girls of today, all big on abortion and against the war, but an old-fashioned pair like the ones she remembered from her long-ago job at the TB hospital in the Bronx. As the line moved and shortened, she felt her heart beginning to pound — whether from relief or disappointment she couldn't be sure. And then there he was, right in front of her: a pair of blue eyes instead of Dick's brown ones; a jaw that was firm instead of jowled.

Thomas Mallon, *American Scholar*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 4

"Once I dive into something, I tend to dive in, I guess, head first," Allen says. He describes his investments since then as a mix of luck and curiosity; they are also a mix of for-profit and charitable. And some are just for himself, his family and friends. Allen owns a 413-foot yacht called the Octopus, believed to be the world's largest one in private hands; an impressive collection of airplanes, including two Boeing 757s; and a 7.7-acre compound he shares with his mother and sister outside of Seattle that's valued at \$121 million.

Allison Linn, *Associated Press*, 2005 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 5

Back at the hat counter, the clerk was lowering a new brown fedora upside down into a gray box lined with black tissue paper. On the counter, five rejected new hats sat surrounding his grandfather's old one. His grandfather was counting bills from his wallet and talking the whole time.

Edward Hannibal, *Misery Island*, 2011 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 6

And the wide bookcase, with its dark green shelves and rows of journals with identical spines, somehow were familiar too. A memory came to her, and this one she did recognize: her anger many years ago when National Geographic had done a special issue on oceans and had given the magazine a blue cover and spine instead of the traditional yellow one, breaking up the lovely set she'd been collecting ever since her grandfather had started sending her gift subscriptions when she was a little girl. And here, in this office, one of the journal volumes had a green spine instead of the wine-colored ones all the others had. She looked at the wall. On it were three diplomas, including one from McGill University; she was pleased with herself for knowing that it was in Montreal.

Robert J. Sawyer, *Triggers*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 7

As the summer wore on I dared to slip in closer, near enough to hear. I liked to listen to their talk, whittle on a stick, and watch them. When the boys were alone they talked about all the girls they jumped, that and sports, and dope. They wrestled, rolling through the leaves, until one would give. Each took a turn as my imaginary boyfriend. One night late, I was squatting next to a tree, trying to light a cigarette, when a twig next to me snapped. I froze up, my lighter cocked and burning. A hand touched my arm. I shrugged it off. "Did I scare ya? I was just playing with ya." I recognized the voice. "Wanted to see if I could catch you." It was the one they called Butt. He was the skinny one with the thin face and the long hair and big hands. One of them lost itself in my hair. "You got soft hair," he whispered.

Bethalee Jones, *Ploughshares*, 1999

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Excerpt 8

"Let's get onto the real issues, that's all I've got to say," said Romney. Later in the debate, he pointed out that he and his wife, Ann, have been married for 42 years. Gingrich and Santorum challenged Romney over his opposition to abortion, a well-documented shift but a potent one in evangelical-heavy South Carolina. Recent polls, coupled with Perry's endorsement, suggested Gingrich was the candidate with the momentum and Romney the one struggling to validate his standing as front-runner. Gingrich released his income tax records during the course of the debate, paving the way to discussing Romney's. The wealthy former venture capitalist has said he will release them in April, prompting Gingrich to suggest that would be too late for voters to decide if they presented evidence Obama could exploit

Thomas Beaumont, *Domestic News*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 9

But Claudia adored this house with an irrational passion: Perhaps it wasn't the palatial Barbie Dream House she'd fantasized about when she was a little girl, but it was hers, an irrefutable sign pointing to her status in the world, a manifestation of the fact that she'd achieved something worth noting. They had seen at least twenty houses before they'd bought this one three years ago; each one more decrepit than the last, each more astonishing in the audacity of its listing price.

Janelle Brown, *This is Where We Live*, 2010 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 10

With that he bolted out of the battery room. The engineer returned just as quickly with three new hydrometers in a carton. He quickly tested each one in the distilled water. Each showed full charge. All four hydrometers were inaccurate. Grade-A looked at Marmy in disbelief.

Steve Elonka, *Marmy's Egyptian Nightmare*, 1950 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 11

He thought back on what the men from the town board had said when they hired him. "We called you in figuring an Indian would for sure be able to track down the wolf that's been taking our sheep." The short straw-haired one with the big wart on his nose said that. Town supervisor, he was. "Young though you might be," the skinny one with spectacles and the soft hands of a clerk added, "which is why we shan't advance you more than a quarter of the bounty." "But you're the last of your sort in these parts, so beggars can't be choosers," the third of the men concluded in a bluff, hearty voice. The biggest of the trio was the town sheriff, according to the badge he wore on his broad chest.

'The Last', *Boys Life*, 2009 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 12

In his 16 years as president of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko has ticked just about every box that defines a modern-day dictator. He's jailed opponents and crushed protests. His security service, still known as the KGB, has been accused of kidnapping and murdering journalists. But the man the U.S. State Department called "Europe's last dictator" is now trying to swap an old alliance with Russia for a new one with the European Union.

Owen Matthews, *Newsweek*, 2010 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 13

Federer will play the winner of the match between Australian teenager Bernard Tomic, a Wimbledon quarterfinalist last year, and No. 13 Alex Dolgoplov. Both have a vastly different style to Karlovic, who broke Andy Roddick's record for the fastest serve ever in tennis by hitting one at 156 mph in a Davis Cup match last year. "It's just because he's so tall and makes it unusual to return against," Federer said of the serve. "I've been around the block, faced some good ones."

John Pye, *Sports News*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)

Excerpt 14

That announcement propelled the former Massachusetts governor into New Hampshire, where he breezed to victory in the opening primary of the campaign a week later. He arrived in South Carolina the following day, front-runner then for sure, now more shakily so. Perry's withdrawal mimicked one earlier in the week by former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman in that they both quit a few hours before a debate. The similarities ended there, though. Huntsman endorsed Romney.

David Espo, *Political News*, 2012 (COCA Corpus)