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SUBJECT:

"It has already been mentioned that pronouns are traditionally conceived as having two distinct, though related, functions: deixis and anaphora. Their anaphoric function may be illustrated by means of utterances like

(2) John got home late and he was very tired

in which 'he' may be said to refer to its antecedent, the expression 'John'. The antecedent of an anaphoric pronoun is an expression which, as the term 'antecedent' implies, normally precedes the correlated anaphoric pronoun in the text or co-text."

John Lyons, Semantics 2, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1977, p. 659.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

[...] Mrs Hubbard opened the wardrobe, stooped, and picked up a rucksack which she held out to Poirot.

'There you are, M. Poirot. That's exactly like the one that was missing and that we found all cut up.'

'It would take some cutting,' murmured Poirot, as he fingered the rucksack appreciatively. 'One could not snip at this with a little pair of embroidery scissors.'

Agatha Christie, Hickory Dickory Dock, 1955

Excerpt 2

Blindcraft employs 85 registered blind or disabled people who were referred to the firm by disability employment advisors in local Jobcentres. Bob said: 'When we need someone to do a job, we hire a disabled person and train them. Skills people bring in are not necessarily the ones they will use as they have to be trained in the needs of the business.'

Collection of leaflets from Lothian Council, 1985-1994

Excerpt 3

Gibson, citing the transfer option, said Properties recognizes "the importance of kids identifying with Major League Baseball. So if a league has financial constraints and they're unable to acquire what they need at a reasonable cost, we will work with them." Last month, Properties reached an agreement with Amateur All-Star Baseball Inc., an umbrella group representing about 54 percent of the nation's youth players, to develop a program to sell the transfer decals. Beginning next season, if a league gets approval from Properties, it will be able to buy licensed iron-on transfers and have them printed on shirts of their choice.

Michele Himmelberg, 'Little League outfits causing quite a stir', Denver Post, 1994

Excerpt 4

The Revenue are of the view that a taxpayer's home (even if a rented flat) can be his main residence even if he does not own it. If a taxpayer has two residences he can elect which of them is to be treated as his main residence (s222(5)) for the purpose of the exemption and notwithstanding the terms of the above concession the husband can avoid difficulty if he makes a positive election.

William M. Hartley, Matrimonial Conveyancing: a Draftsman's Handbook, 1981

Excerpt 5

Across the meadow the big oaks still heaved and thrashed in the wind and my mother searched amongst their trunks, amongst the darkness of the undergrowth, for signs of someone watching for her, waiting to find her unguarded, at ease, uncaring. It was then that I realised this was exactly how she never would be. My mother would always be looking towards Witch Wood, as she was now, waiting and expecting that someone was going to come and take her away. I stood there in the kitchen; watching her staring across the meadow still searching for her nemesis and I thought, suddenly, that this is all our lives – this is the one fact that applies to us all, that makes us what we are, our common mortality, our common humanity. One day someone is going to come and take us away: you don't need to have been a spy, I thought, to feel like this.

William Boyd, Restless, 2006

Excerpt 6

She was sitting in her customary leather armchair taking a copious draught of what looked like neat Scotch. Around her stood a small group of protesting colleagues.

'Nonsense,' she was saying. 'A bit of blood never did anyone any harm. Ah, here he is. Talk sense to this crew, will you, Robert? Everyone's making such a fuss.'

Ruth Dudley Edwards, Matricide at St Martha's, 1995

Excerpt 7

Poppy had simply disappeared in the library to search for an explanation; she never found one. Only Daisy had been impressed, though quite put out that she did not possess a similar unearthly talent. As for herself, the question always remained: Was she a monster? Both beauty and beast rolled into one unstable force? Despite her desire to know, there was the greater fear of putting the question to anyone and seeing them turn away as Martin had. So she kept it inside.

Kristen Callihan, Firelight, 2012

Excerpt 8

Our brains have evolved to protect our bodies and guide them to reproduce, hence our minds must be sensitive to maintaining the needs of the continuing body – my children today will be my children tomorrow; if you wronged me yesterday I should be wary of you today. Society and human relationships would be impossible without this form of continuity. Anyone who could convince himself that the person who will wake up in his bed tomorrow is really someone different would lack the capacity for sustained self-interest; he would feel no long-term guilt, love, shame, or pride.

Paul Bloom, 'First Person Plural', Atlantic Monthly, November 2008

Excerpt 9

The recent restriction on smoking in public places is an attempt to save lives – it is not discrimination, as a letter writer recently opined, nor is it an attempt by "do-gooders" to reform smokers and help them break their habit. My husband and I feel we are representative of the general public, and we feel if someone wants to kill themselves with cigarettes, that's their business. What we do care about is them taking others with them because of the secondary smoke we must endure.

Alan Jay Pomerance, 'Should Teachers Experiment with our Children?', Atlanta Journal Constitution, 1993

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Excerpt 10

From the town below, cries of surprise and then shouts of joy filled the air. It was September in southern Colorado, it was hot, but for the town at the base of the hill it was Christmas come early. Straightening, the miner stared at the mountain man.

Alan Dean Foster, 'Free Elections: A Mad Amos Malone Story', Fantasy & Science Fiction, November/December 2010

Excerpt 11

When it comes to shops, the most adventurous he gets is a visit to Marks and Spencer. Mind you, Marks have got some good-looking styles this summer. I particularly like their classic clothes; elegant suits with a distinct Italian feel. They look a million dollars especially on Marks model Marcus Schenkenberg from Sweden but cost a lot, lot less. When they're not in suits, men can still look stylish in separates like blazers and chinos, similar to the ones offered by Great Universal Catalogue.

Liverpool Daily Post and Echo, 1985-1994

Excerpt 12

She had shuddered at the thought of trying to explain her feelings to her parents and her sister, but then David's heartless implication that Jennifer wasn't worth her concern had shocked her beyond measure. If he could behave like that towards a woman he had once loved, a woman rendered helpless, what could she herself expect in the future? When he arrived that morning David appeared cool towards her – so cool, in contrast to the friendly relationship they had previously established, that Nina noticed it and mentioned it while she and Rachel were working out a list of appointments for management medicals.

Lucy Keane, False Impressions, 1990

Excerpt 13

Sissy studied the soldier's face. It told her nothing. She never looked at their faces, not unless that was where they were wounded. The experimental protocol the entire medical unit operated under in many ways reduced her to even more of a single depersonalized cog in a much larger machine than was usual for the military. The patients were brought straight to her from pre-op, and left her table never to be seen again. The patient's meds guaranteed that he or she would not remember the procedure. They would be wounded, put under, and come out on the other side whole again, with no memory of what had happened in between.

Stephen L. Burns, 'Follow-Up', Analog Science Fiction & Fact, April 2012

Excerpt 14

In any case, most women are less interested in being 'like men' than in discovering and using their own gifts. They want to find out what it would be like to be a woman freed from all those age-old taboos. Today we are moving towards more equal and mutual ways of arranging our lives, but it is still too soon to be able to see clearly how this may change our ideas of 'masculinity' and 'femininity'. Each woman brings her own particular gifts to whatever she does – which may or may not be those that are commonly labeled 'feminine'. Certainly wherever women and men work together in partnership there is the possibility of great enrichment. Those who oppose the ordination of women believe that God intends them to have a different role in the Church from men – though an equally valid one.

Women Priests: Which Way Will you Vote?, 1990

Excerpt 15

You can buy pizza dough now in stores, and then all you have to do is put the topping on, and the vegetables thrown on, tomatoes, basil, oil, or a little pesto on it to give it a good flavor and bake it. It's important to bake it on a pizza stone because you can cook it really fast. If it's on a cookie sheet it will burn.

'Wolfgang Puck Demonstrates how to Make Pizza and Other Things', NBC Today, 2000

Excerpt 16

'The bulbs and the rucksack,' said Poirot thoughtfully.

'But it still seems to me possible,' said Mrs Hubbard, 'that those two things have no connection with poor little Celia's peccadilloes. You remember she denied very earnestly that she'd ever touched the rucksack at all.'

'Yes, yes, that is true. How soon after this did the thefts begin?'

Agatha Christie, Hickory Dickory Dock, 1955

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"You slew their Duke. By some lights, that makes you responsible for them." There was nothing wrong with her command of history, but Ilona's grasp of politics seemed to be lacking. "I was eleven years old. No one sane would have handed me the throne, then or now." "That is not my point, as you well know." Her grip on my hand tightened. The baby stirred within my belly. She moved so much, for such a small thing.

Jay Lake, Endurance, 2011