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SUBJECT:

"Let us return for a moment to the contrast between obligatory control and optional control [...]. Optional control is found in examples like (62)-(64) (from Huang, 1989: 199-200):

- (62a) [PRO smoking] is harmful.
- (62b) [PRO to behave oneself] is important.
- (63a) John and Bill discussed [PRO behaving oneself].
- (63b) John said [PRO to behave oneself].
- (64a) John wonders [how [PRO to behave oneself]].
- (64b) It is unclear [whether [PRO to go there]].

In all the examples above PRO is uncontrolled. In (62) it appears in a sentential subject, in (63) and in (64) it appears in a complement.

Obligatory control is illustrated in (65):

- (65a) John tried [[PRO to behave himself/*oneself]].
- (65b) John was reluctant [[PRO to behave himself/*oneself]].
- (65c) They forced John [[PRO to identify himself/*oneself]].

One question that remains is what it is that makes control optional/ obligatory. Is it a lexical property associated with a specific verb or adjective, or is it a configurational property of the syntax of the sentence?"

Liliane Haegeman, *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory*, 2nd edition. Oxford, UK: Blackwell, 1994, p. 284.

Discuss.

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

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Excerpt 1

After killing about twenty shots of liquor and close to forty beers between us, we started making a lot of noise, so my mom got upset. My house was the spot where we'd set up shop every weekend. It didn't matter whether it was a party or an orgy, she always felt better if we did it at the crib. She worried less knowing we were all safe, and being there also prevented us from drinking and driving, something that we did way too often.

Derrick R. Pledger, *The Diamond District*, 2008

Excerpt 2

Members of a major-account team might be assigned the respective functions of quarterback, receiver and offensive lineman, each function correlated to a customer service equivalent. Administrative support personnel are urged to view themselves as assistant coaches. These tactics have transformed sportsthink from a feel-good exercise into a much more aggressive motivational tool - one with potentially serious side effects.

Steve Salerno, *We are the Champions (We Think)*, 2004

Excerpt 3

At this time of day she wishes to be alone and dead to everything in the world, except for the one man whom she does not yet know and whom she will create for herself. Loneliness. You remember reading an interview with Anne Carson, who said that loneliness is not a significant problem. The doctor will ask you, How bad does it get, the loneliness? And you feel uncomfortable measuring such a thing; you feel she's failed to understand your experience. She meant to be comforting [...]

Suzan Scanlon, *Her Thirty-Seventh Year, an Index*, 2012

Excerpt 4

What surprised me, though - what made me come out of my room later that day and apologize to my mother for not having let her comfort me - was how much I kept thinking not about Don being dead - I never even tried to imagine what his body might have looked like at the end - but about the way he'd seemed so happy for those nine or ten days when he was in love with Linda and when he talked to me about making it back to the Dodgers.

Jay Neugeboren, *The Other End of the World*, 1991

Excerpt 5

Would it be impolitic to suggest that the strength of American resolution and the Armageddon-like might of American military power in this instance has reverberated around the world to our immense benefit? That a chronic terrorist enemy of America - Muammar Qaddafi - did an about-face, abandoning his nuclear-weapons program and promising to behave himself as he pleaded for Americans to keep him on this earth a few years longer? That North Korea and Iran are suddenly much more cooperative in opening their nuclear programs up to international inspection?

Letter to the editor, *Atlantic Monthly*, 2004

Excerpt 6

He has carved out a reputation as a sportsman, a flirt, a dilettante - a guy adored by the masses for no reason beyond his pecs and his pedigree. But 1995 was the year that John F. Kennedy Jr. tried to find himself. "It has been an important year," says Onassis biographer C. David Heymann.

People, 25 December 1995

Excerpt 7

Ms-DRUM: Actually, when the government gave the Indians food commodities on the reservation, they gave them milk in a can, and they took those milk cans and that's what they used them for. DAVIS: Lisa, you talked about dancing in particular meaning more to you after your daughters were born. What does it mean to you to pass that tradition down to Jena and Michelle? Ms-DRUM: It's my responsibility.

Karla Davis, *Interview: Lisa Dress and her Two Daughters*, 2002

Excerpt 8

As The Economist concludes, "The basic system works; but that is no excuse for ignoring areas where it could be reformed." Top on the list should be eliminating the gerrymandering of safe seats in the House of Representatives and the blocking procedures in Senate rules and filibusters. Neither requires a constitutional amendment to change.

"Ideas for a Better World in 2011", *Christian Science Monitor*, 2010

Excerpt 9

How about spirituality and poems about birds? You've read flocks and flocks of them, haven't you? And while there's certainly no law against using doves and robins and meadowlarks as metaphors in your work, a bird poem that's attempting to knock on heaven's door has to go well beyond the freedom-to-soar conceit.

Marilyn L. Taylor, *Expressing the Inexpressible*, 2011

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Excerpt 10

"Men are problem solvers, so if a man doesn't know how to navigate a situation, he feels helpless and uncomfortable," says Carol Bruess, PhD, author of *What Happy Couples Do*. "When you get authoritative, it's actually a way of giving him the skills and knowledge he needs to be competent." Here's when a little pushiness pays off. 1. HE'S SICK AS A DOG. Whether they are just being macho or aren't in tune with their bodies, guys are notorious for ignoring the most obvious symptoms. You need to step in, says Bruess.

Carolyn Kylstra, *Cosmopolitan*, 2012

Excerpt 11

And every single time I'm confronted by that, I have this internal battle about it because I don't want to embrace a term that my own grandparents or great-grandparents wouldn't have been able to adopt themselves. And on the other hand, I know that I have to accept the fact that I have certain privileges in society now based on our current definition of white, and that's part of the reason I'm being asked to identify myself that way.

NPR *TalkNat*, Author Examines "The History of the White People", 2010

Excerpt 12

There is a recurrent disposition in the West to feel radical dissatisfaction with nature or reality or the world; to wish it otherwise; to find fault with the given to the point of undying regret that things are as they are; and, along with all this, to look with perpetual discontent at oneself and strive to improve oneself by making oneself an object of perpetual surveillance and solicitude.

George Kateb, *Technology and Philosophy*, 1997

Excerpt 13

With all the ups and downs, it's been an incredible experience for us. And I think that going back to the people, spending all the time talking to people and touching them at these rallies, getting them to bus trips, doing the town meetings, trying to be accessible, giving the people their government back is a way of giving them their country back and I think that will be the enduring legacy of this campaign.

ABC Special, *72 Hours to Victory: Behind the Scenes with Bill Clinton*, 1992

Excerpt 14

PKI applications are everywhere in modern information technology, including e-commerce, Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security, and citizen-to-government and government-to-government applications (such as those involving tax reporting, medical insurance, and passports). However, maintaining PKI security is increasingly complicated since cryptographic attacks are more sophisticated than ever.

Chi-Su Jeng, *Communications of the ACM*, 2012

Excerpt 15

At the post-secondary level, professors work individually or with guidance from their college dean to develop goals for improving their instruction and the success of their preservice teachers. Process goals are related to pedagogical skills; i.e., instructional strategies, assessment, work ethic, communication, or classroom management. Examples might include learning a new problem-based instructional method, developing interdisciplinary curriculum with academic teachers [...].

Thomas Loveland, *Technology and Engineering Teacher*, 2012

Excerpt 16

The top U.S. general, visiting Israel at a delicate and dangerous moment in the global standoff with Tehran, is expected to press for restraint amid fears that the Jewish state is nearing a decision to attack Iran's nuclear program.

Associated Press, *US Military Chief in Israel to Discuss Iran Nukes*, 2012

Excerpt 17

"Calm yourself, Derek," Fiegen said. To me he added, "Derek enjoys comporting himself in an insouciant manner. Clearly it is a facade."

David Housewright, *Curse of the Jade Lily*, 2012

Excerpt 18

Not surprisingly, she disapproved of her son's choice of a girlfriend, and initially had vowed to dispatch Jane at the earliest convenience. However, after Jane rescued Miriam from almost certain death at the hands of a deranged vampire turned book reviewer, a truce had been declared.

Michael Thomas Ford, *Jane Vows Vengeance: A Novel*, 2012