SUBJECT:

“Following Bloomfield, American structuralism assumed a substitution function of pronouns (‘pronominalization’), which was then inherited by transformational grammar as a ‘substitution transformation’. In this view, the pronoun replaces a copy of the syntactic expression of its antecedent.”


Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.
Excerpt 1
Henry’s second novel, written, like his first, under a pen name, had done well. It had won prizes and was translated into dozens of languages. Henry was invited to book launches and literary festivals around the world; countless schools and book clubs adopted the book; he regularly saw people reading it on planes and trains; Hollywood was set to turn it into a movie; and so on and so forth.
Henry continued to live what was essentially a normal, anonymous life. Writers seldom become public figures. It’s their books that rightly hog all the publicity.  
Yann Martel, *Beatrice and Virgil*, 2010

Excerpt 2
Peering through the steam and smoke, I listened to the bulldozer and waited for the police to make their pointless seizure of a side street in Chelsea.
Then, as abruptly as they had arrived, the police began to withdraw. I leaned wearily against an overturned Toyota, cheering with Kay and her team as a sergeant listened to his radio and ordered his men to fall back.


Excerpt 3
However, that never works, as the guilt just goes deeper and deeper into the mind and soul. It even affects us in other ways, such as making us feel like no one would really like us if they knew the truth about us.
Other people try to rewrite what they have been taught about right and wrong.

Henry Cloud, *God Will Make a Way*, 2002

Excerpt 4
Jacob ate a bowl of cole slaw and told John about working out with dumbbells in his weight-training class. John asked him whether he was taking a foreign language, then suggested Latin, which he’d studied in high school.

*San Francisco Chronicle*, 17/12/2006

Excerpt 5
Sumar took his time on each question, making sure his teacher didn’t tell him to stop rushing as she’d done before.

Kavita T. Ramdial, *Rainbows and Butterflies*, 2005

Excerpt 6
David is a 10-year-old boy who arrived in his present school towards the end of the previous term and so is still new to the school. As far as his teacher knows he was not on the special educational needs Register at his last school, though he finds this difficult to believe. He considers David to have general learning difficulties and to have very serious emotional and behavioural difficulties.


Excerpt 7
And what about the story of the woman who says Ryan confessed to her that he’d killed Sarah?

NBC, ’Dateline’, 22/01/2012

Excerpt 8
Smith came yesterday morning. Naturally it frightened me, but only for a moment.

Jim Harrison, *The Road Home*, 1998

Excerpt 9
The TED was mounted in the net at a 45 degrees angle; subsequent North Carolina testing showed this to be an inappropriate angle. In addition, the results were for experiments where the total number of shrimp encountered were small, and this makes any analysis suspect. Further testing with a 37 degrees angle for TED installation gave a shrimp increase of 8.6 percent, and more shrimp were consistently encountered during these experiments.

Excerpt 10
Small spoors, the imprint of little claws, showed where a vole had made quick passage across a mudbank. In the turfy bank its retreats were tunnelled, leading to a domed hollow lined with grasses – here her young would shortly nestle.

Henry Williamson, *The Lone Swallows and Other Essays*, 1926

Excerpt 11
The method used by the female of this botfly to infect its host is one of the most devious and amazing employed by vertebrate endoparasites (Catts 1982). The female does not lay its eggs directly on its wary hosts, large mammals (cattle, horses, dogs, tapirs, deer, etc.) and some large birds, but commandeers other insects to carry them.


Excerpt 12
Anyone who owns a dog knows that it will rummage around in the kitchen bin looking for food, given half a chance.

*BBC News*, 23/01/2013

Excerpt 13
Fans flooded the 49ers Facebook page to air their opinions and tell the team what they should do about Culliver.

*Daily Mail*, 30/01/2013

Excerpt 14
Sean Murphy simply stood right where he was and stared at the woman who wasn’t only taking his breath away but who was making his heart beat faster, too.
Details had made Sean millions in the years since he’d left Emerald Lake. He never got them wrong. But now, as the sun came in through one of the large windows that looked out on the frozen lake and lit her up like a spotlight, he realized her hair was neither brown nor gold.

Bella Riley, *With This Kiss*, 2012

Excerpt 15
Glancing around her Mary saw many people carrying suitcases and with sorrow she saw that some of the people could hardly carry theirs.

‘Mary’s Suitcase’, http://spiritualquestions.co.uk, 2012

Excerpt 16
The woman indicated her colorful packages.
"For food, they’ll come," she said.
"That’s fish food?" asked Tom.
"Yes," she said.
"It’s so pretty," said Tom.
"They are special fish," she said. "You’ll see if you feed them."
"How much?"
She told him and he bought a package of greens. The care with which it had been assembled necessitated his unfolding it with reverence. Tom held a little bouquet of strange-shaped leaves and yellow clover-like flowers.
"Feed them." The beautiful woman was losing patience. She glanced back towards the gate, but we were still alone.
"All at once?" Tom asked. She shrugged.


Excerpt 17
He set the bowl in front of her and took his seat again. He noticed her wince a few times at the first mouthfuls and then start hungrily, devouring the food without saying grace.
Ruth watched Bo closely when she thought he wasn’t looking at her. "Is there something you want to say to me?" he asked, after catching her snatch her gaze away several times.