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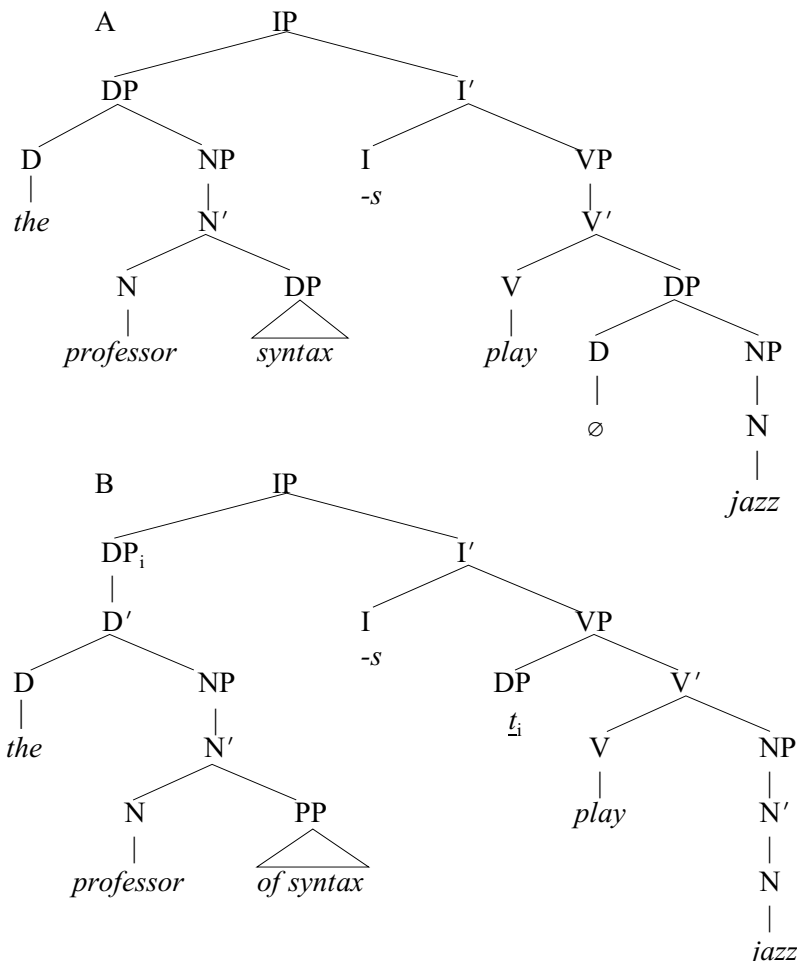
This final examination consists of four sections. You should answer all parts of each section. Please follow the instructions for each section carefully, and hand in the exam paper when you are finished.
Good luck!

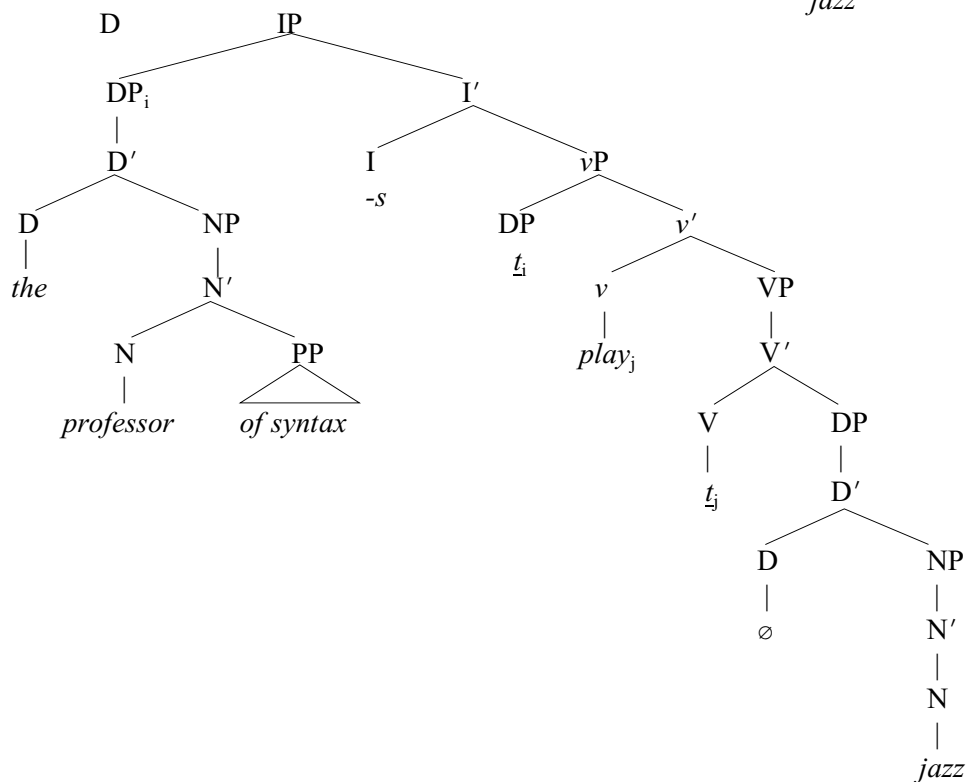
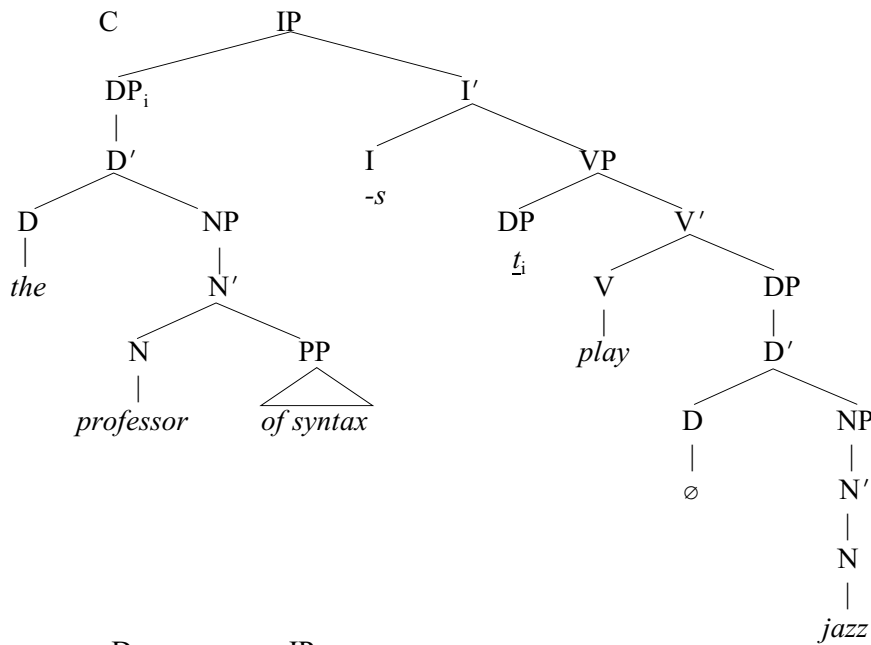
1 For each of the following 20 statements, circle the best continuation (A, B, C or D) on your exam paper. Carefully assess all the options. Never circle more than a single option. (20 points)

- (1) In the structure of *Why won't you accept me for what I am?*
 A there are two *wh*-phrases, each introducing a *wh*-question
 B while *why* is in the specifier position of CP, *what* occupies the C-position
 C *for* is a complementiser
 D there are two first-person singular pronouns, one of which serves as a subject
- (2) With reference to the structure for *My computer just broke down*, it is the case that
 A *my computer* gets the Theme θ -role in the specifier position of the VP of *break*
 B *just* is a modifier that occupies an adjunction position
 C *down* is a prepositional particle that finds itself in the complement of V
 D the statements in A–C are all accurate

2 For each of the following constructions, circle the letter (A, B, C or D) of the structure that best represents its syntax. [2 constructions in total] (10 points)

(1) *The professor of syntax plays jazz.*





3 For each of the following ungrammatical (partial structures of) sentences, identify the cause or causes of its ungrammaticality from among the three candidates given under A–C. Note that here, **more than a single candidate can be selected**; so for each sentence, circle as many of the letters in the right margin as you think are applicable. [5 sentences in total] (15 points)

- A the θ -Criterion
- B the UTAH
- C the Projection Principle

(1) *The ranger rescued the lion the girl.

A B C

- 4** Are the following statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)? Circle the correct answer in the right margin.
[5 statements in total] (5 points)
- (1) Both in *Donald touched her intimately* and in *Donald touched her intimate parts*, the feminine pronoun gets accusative Case under government from *v*. T F
- (2) In **She was lying the baby in bed*, the absence of *v* from the structure causes a violation of the θ -Criterion and the Case Filter. T F
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At the end of the exam, five additional true-or-false statements are given, which can earn you an extra five points to compensate for errors made in sections 1–4.
