

2010 Solutions

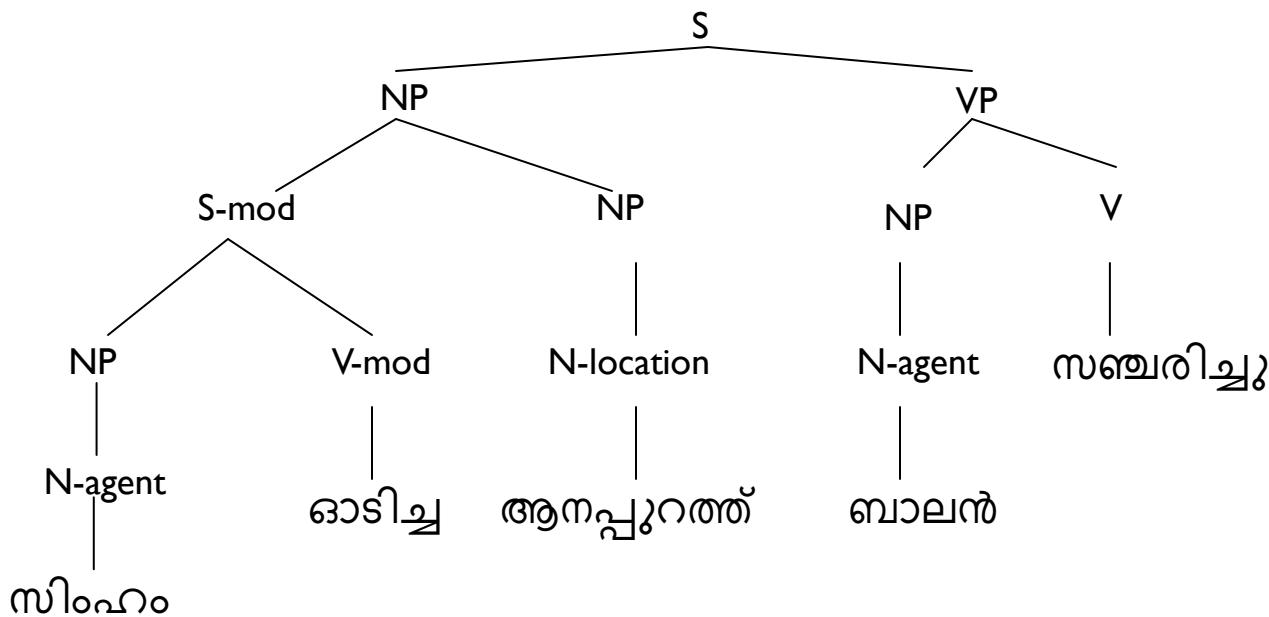
(I) Dogs and cats on trees (I/I)

11 (3 points).

1. The elephant chased the lion.
2. The lion chased the elephant.
3. [Not a Malayalam sentence]
4. The boy rode on the back of the elephant.
5. [Not a Malayalam sentence]

12 (1 point). Draw the tree for any sentence that uses the V-mod rule. (You may use the English translations in place of the Malayalam words at the bottom of the tree.)

Only sentence 4 uses the V-mod rule.



13 (1 point). Explain what is wrong with the examples that are not actual sentences of Malayalam.

Sentence 3 is not licensed by this grammar (is not a sentence of Malayalam) because both of the nouns are in the N-patient form, but the grammar rules only allow one of these per (simple) sentence.

Sentence 5 is not licensed by this grammar (is not a sentence of Malayalam) because the first verb is not in the V-mod form. Plain verbs can only come at the end of the sentence, according to our rules.

