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In each of the following pairs pick out the one in which the underlined expression is object.

Give syntactic reasons for your answer.

TESTS: has passive voice ; can be substituted by it

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| SENTENCES | FUNCTION | TESTS |
| i     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | a. We all enjoyed that summer. | **object** | That summer was enjoyed…  We enjoyed it | | b. We all worked that summer. | VP modifier | \*That summer was worked  \*We worked it | | | |
| ii   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | a. She fasted a very long time. ( | VP modifier | \*A very long time was fasted  \*She fasted it | | b. She wasted a very long time. | **object** | A very long time was wasted  She wasted it. | | | |
| iii   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | a. He seemed an amazingly bad film-maker. | predicative complement | \*An amazingly bad-film-maker was seemed (by him)  \*He seemed it | | b. He screened an amazingly bad film. | **object** | A bad film was screened  He screened it | | | |

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For each of the verbs below, determine (citing relevant examples) which of the following three structures they can occur in: (a) a structure with two NPs, like [15] ; (b) a structure with one NP and a pp headed by to; (c) a structure with one NP and a pp headed by for.

NOTICE: the examples are merely illustrative and do not exhaust all the possibilities! Many of these verbs can be taken with different meanings amongst other things

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| word | structure | example |
| i  award | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | They awarded Bob a cash prize | | v NP PP(to) | They awarded a cash prize to Bob | | v NP PP(for) | \* or ??? They awarded a cash prize for Bob  *(Bob would not be the recipient of the prize, they would have awarded it in Bob’s behalf. For example, award a cash prize which they would award in Bob’s name)* | | |
| ii  borrow | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Bob borrowed Mary a Pencil | | v NP PP(to) | Bob borrowed a pencil to Mary | | v NP PP(for) | ??Bob borrowed a pencil for me.  (*Bob borrowed someone a pencil in my behalf. )* | | |
| iii  envy | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Bob envies [Mary] [her fame as a political activist]  *if the second NP is short it sounds weird* | | v NP PP(to) | \* | | v NP PP(for) | Bob envies Mary for her fame | | |
| iv  explain | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | \* Bob explained Mary the problem | | v NP PP(to) | Bob explained the problem to Mary | | v NP PP(for) | Bob explained the problem for Mary.  *Bob explained the problem (to someone else) on Mary’s behalf. Suppose Mary was going to explain it but then she was too tired and had lost her voice and Bob did it for her* | | |
| v  fine | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | The IRS fined him a large amount of money | | v NP PP(to) | \* | | v NP PP(for) | The IRS fined him for tax evasion. | | |
| vi  obtain | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Mary obtained that sinner a pardon | | v NP PP(to) | \* | | v NP PP(for) | Mary obtained a pardon for that sinner | | |
| vii  owe | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Mary owes Bob a ton of money. | | v NP PP(to) | Mary owes Money to Bob. | | v NP PP(for) | \* | | |
| viii  return | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Bob returned Mary a damaged car | | v NP PP(to) | Bob returned a damaged car to Mary | | v NP PP(for) | Bob returned evil for good  *he received good and paid it back with evil* | | |
| ix  send | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Bob sent his mother a letter | | v NP PP(to) | Bob sent a letter to his mother | | v NP PP(for) | Bob sent a letter for his mother  *he sent it to someone else on her behalf* | | |
| x  transfer | |  |  | | --- | --- | | v NP NP | Bob transferred Mary the money. | | v NP PP(to) | He transferred the money to Mary | | v NP PP(for) | He transferred the money for Mary  *he transferred it (to someone else) on Mary’s behalf. It was likely her money that he transferred but not necessarily.* | | |