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MPC 609-01

Final Examination

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I. Expanding the Sentence: Identifying Slot Boundaries, a Variety of Sentence Expansions, and Sentence Patterns: Draw vertical lines to identify the slot boundaries in the following sentences (refer to p. 59 or the related handout for a clear skeletal picture of the slots for each pattern). Above the sentence, label each slot according to its **form**:

- NP1, NP2, NP3: noun phrase
- V—be: be verb
- V—lnk: linking verb
- V—intr: intransitive verb
- V—tr: transitive verb
- INF: infinitive verb phrase
- PART: participial verb phrase
- GER: gerund verb phrase
- PREP: preposition
- OP: object of the preposition
- ADJ: adjectival
- ADV/TP: adverbial of time or place
- SCj: subordinating conjunction
- RP: relative pronoun
- EXP: expletive
- IC: independent clause
- DC: dependent clause

Note only the ADJ and ADV/TP that are occupying sentence slots (patterns I, II, IV, IX).

Below each sentence, identify the **function** of each slot:

- S: subject
- PV: predicated verb
- SC: subject complement
- DO: direct object
- IO: indirect object
- OC: object complement

In the parentheses following each sentence, identify the sentence pattern of the independent (IC) and dependent (DC) clauses and of any verb phrases (INF, PART, GER). If the sentence includes more than one clause or verb phrase, label each of them as IC1, IC2, DC1, DC2, INF1, INF2, PART1, PART2, GER1, GER2, etc; then identify the sentence pattern of each. Finally, diagram the sentence. (40 points)

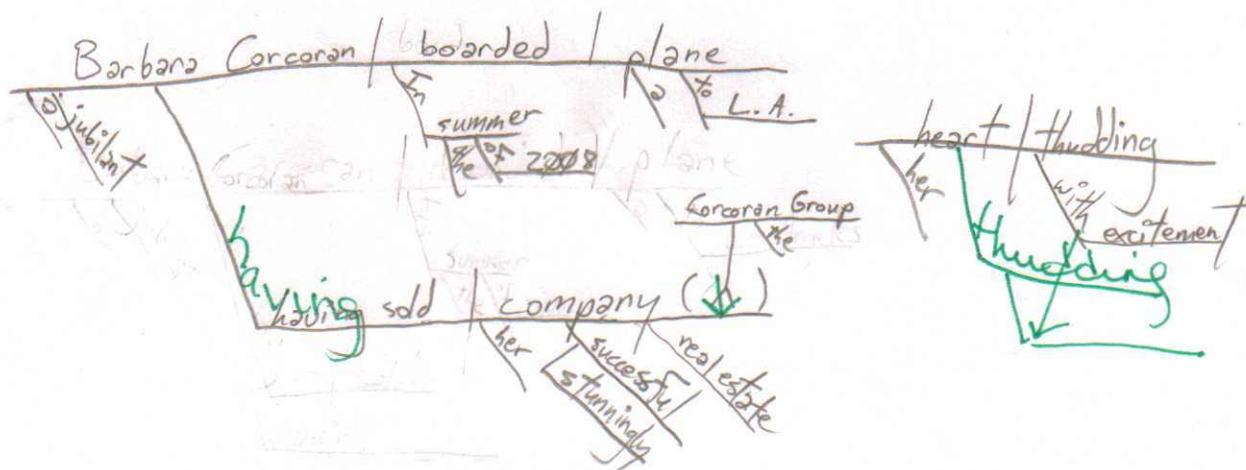
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1. (In the summer) of 2008, a jubilant Barbara Corcoran, having sold her stunningly successful real estate company, the Corcoran Group, boarded a plane to Los Angeles, her heart thudding with excitement.)

IC: VII, ~~NP1: VII~~, DC: VII, DC2: VI

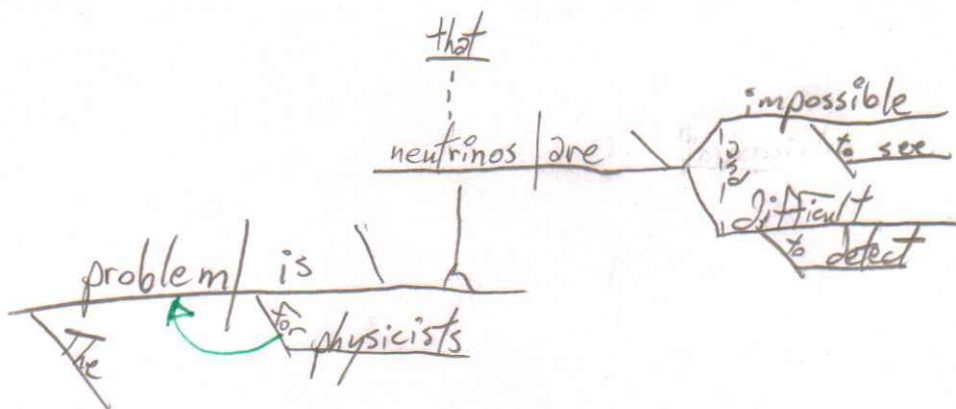
PART: VII PART: VI



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2. The problem (for physicists) is that neutrinos are impossible to see and difficult to detect.

IC: III, DC1: II, DC2: II, INF: VI, INF2: VI



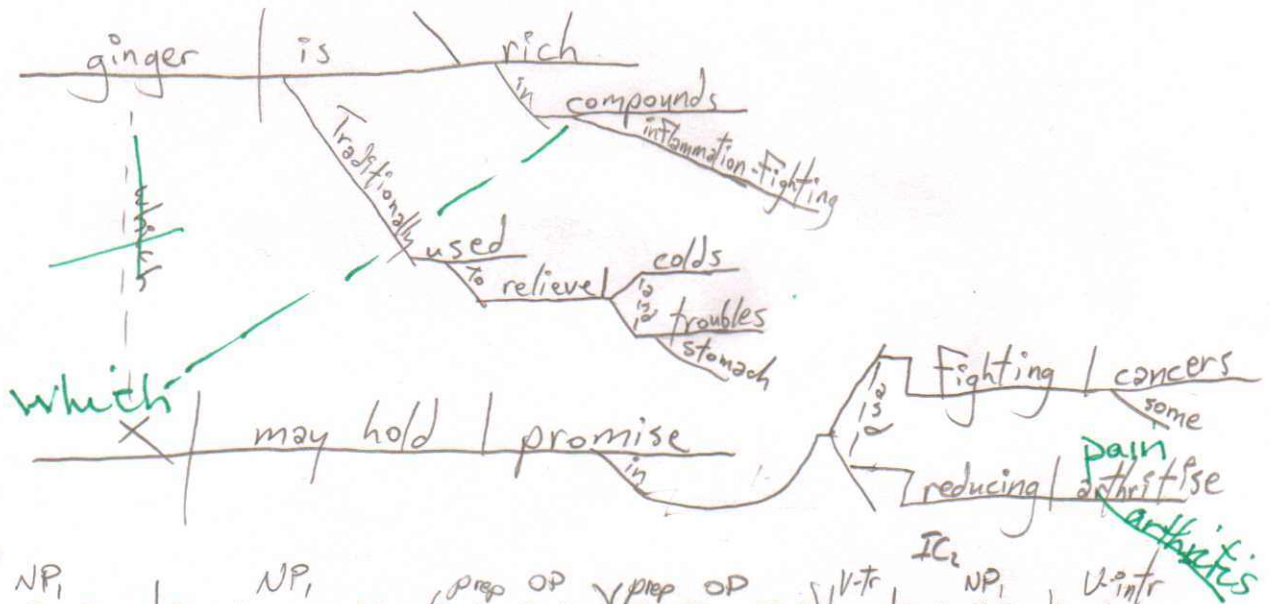
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3. Traditionally used to relieve colds and stomach troubles, ginger is rich in inflammation-fighting compounds, which may hold promise in fighting some cancers and reducing arthritis pain.

DC₁ V-intr INF₁ NP₂ NP₂ IC₁ NP₁ V-6r ADJ prep
 fighting compounds, which may hold promise in fighting some cancers and reducing arthritis pain.

OP DC₂ V-tr NP₂ GER₁ NP₂ GER₂ NP₂
 PU DO PV DO PV DO

pain. (DC: VII, INF: VIII, IC: II, DC₂: III, GER: IV, GER₂: V)

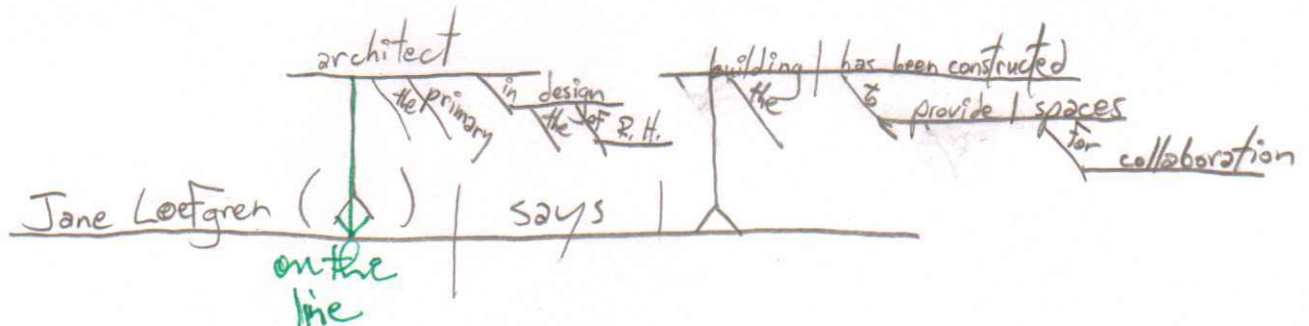


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4. Jane Loeftgren, the primary architect (in the design of Ruffatto Hall), says the building has been constructed to provide spaces for collaboration.

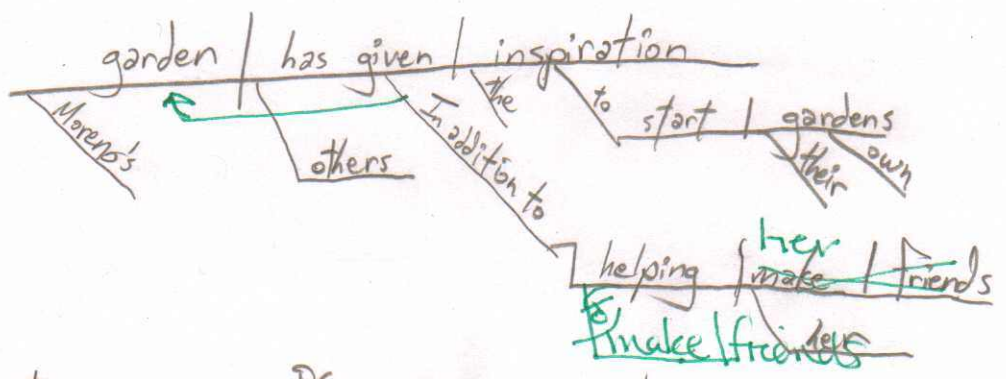
IC₁ NP₁ NP₁ prep OP prep OP V-tr NP₁ V-intr
 S S S/DO PV

constructed to provide spaces for collaboration (DC: VII (PT), IC₁: III, IC₂: IV, INF: V)



5. In addition to helping her make friends, Moreno's garden/has given/others/the inspiration/to

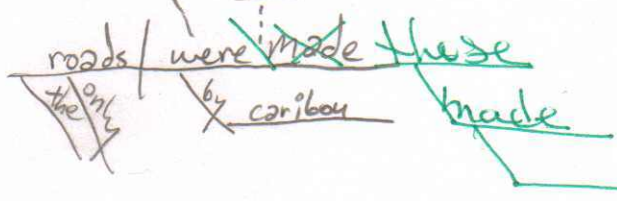
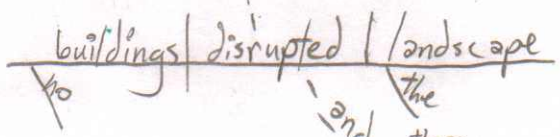
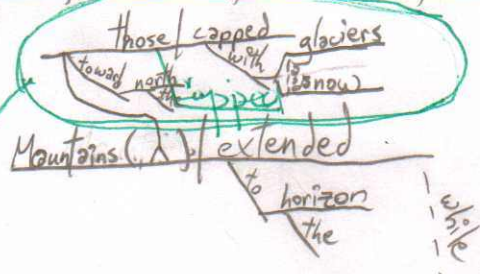
start/their own gardens. (GER: VII, IC: VIII, INF: VII, INF₂: VII)



6. Mountains extended to the horizon, those toward the north capped with glaciers and snow, while no buildings disrupted the landscape, and the only roads were those made by caribou.

(IC: VI, DC: VI, DC₂: VII, IC₂: VI, PART 1: VII(PT), PART 2: VII(PT))

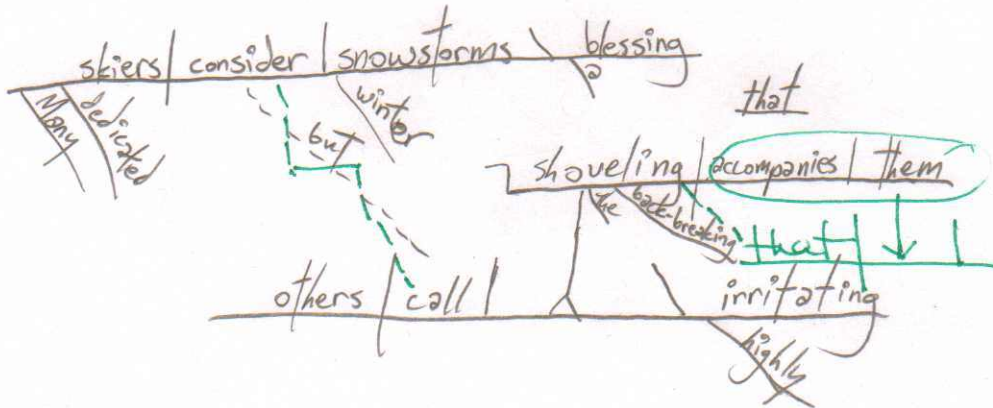
Absolute phrase



7. Many dedicated skiers consider winter snowstorms a blessing, but others call the back-

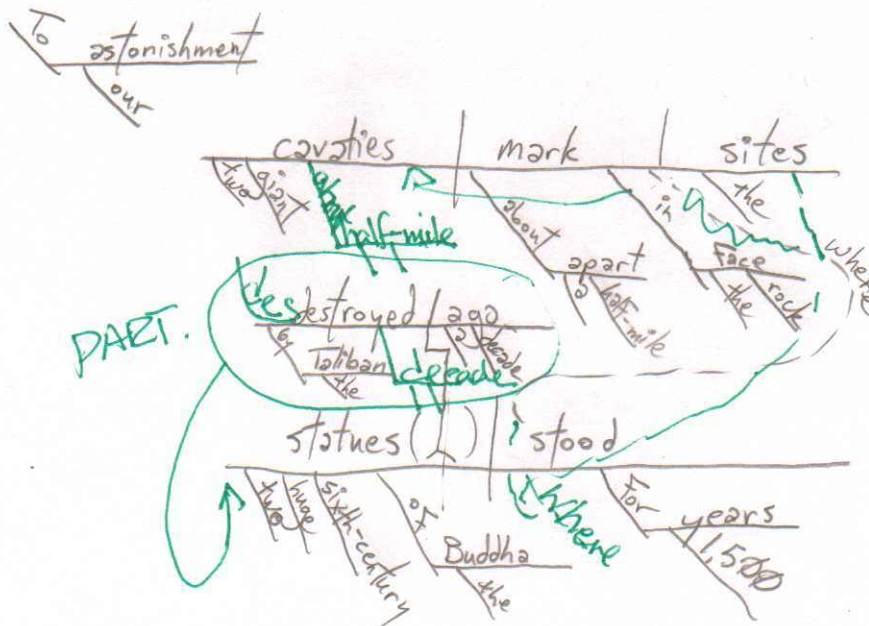
breaking shoveling | that accompanies | them | highly irritating.

(IC: I, ~~DC: IX~~^{IC₂}, GER: ~~VII~~^{VI}, DC: VII)



3.25 8. (To our astonishment) two giant cavities (about a half-mile apart) in the rock face mark the sites where two huge sixth-century statues (of the Buddha) destroyed a decade ago (by the Taliban).

V. intr. prep OP
stood for 1,500 years. (IC: VIII, DC₁: III, DC₂: III) PART: VII (PT)



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II. Identifying and Correcting Grammatical Problems: Name the grammatical problem(s), and edit each sentence to eliminate any problems that you find. Work with the sentence as it has been written. Make only the revisions necessary to make it grammatically correct; do not focus on improving the sentence style. (40 points)

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① 1. Considering the proliferation of junk candies, breakfast cereals, and other processed

^{we can understand} concoctions, it's no wonder that per capita use of synthetic dyes ^② have ^{has} increased five-fold over the past 50 years.

① dangling participle

② subj^s - verb agreement problem

3.5

① When we compare

② 2. In comparing our two children, the behavior of Annie, the youngest of the two, is much more civil than Danny.

① dangling gerund

Incorrect superlative

② ambiguous elliptical clause

2.5

① 3. That patient with diabetes, who the doctor encouraged to maintain tight insulin control, has a high likelihood of blindness, neuropathy, and she is likely to die prematurely.

② premature death

① incorrect use of restrictive appositive

② faulty parallelism in a list

faulty pronoun case

3.5

① 4. Speaking as an expert, ^{I believe} the dietary guidelines from the federal government ^{will link} links obesity with a variety of chronic health conditions in its latest report.

① Dangling participle

② subj-verb agreement

misplaced modifier

2.75 5. Although ^① my approach is to study the architect's plans thoroughly, ^② envision all aspects of the

garage addition, and to discuss my findings with my father-in-law, ^③ which will ensure its quality. *I am confident this process the addition is vague pronoun referent*

- ① unnecessary author note
 - ② Faulty parallelism
 - ③ Faulty modification
- incorrect use of subordinating conjunction - sentence fragment*

3.5 6. While weeding the vegetable garden, ^① I found that giant tomato worms, as well as an army of snails, were

^② found to be attacking the garden, ^③ which was devastating. *the vegetables*

- ① dangling gerund elliptical clause
- ② crazy verb? passive voice
- ③ dangling participle relative clause

2.5 7. There ^{are} is a cooking class ^① and a very informative cookbook ^② that will benefit you and I greatly as ^③ us me *faulty pronoun case*

we struggle to prepare Christmas dinner for all 27 family members ^③ that plan to attend. *who*

- ① *I know this isn't a punctuation section, but two commas seem necessary here to de-emphasize*
 - ② subject parallelism
 - ③ *subject agreement faulty relative pronoun*
- It's the verb and the "there" transformation that cause problems.*

2 *Because she is* 8. As an expert in graphic design, her office is filled with inspiring projects, serves as a source of

Dangling preposition ^① ideas for whom ^② ever wishes to follow in her footsteps, and everyone is welcome to build on the *welcomes*

that work which she has done.

faulty relative pronoun

- ① faulty pronoun case
- ② faulty parallelism
- ③ no idea ...

This isn't logical

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III. Punctuation

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A. All but the closing punctuation marks have been removed from the following passage. Add punctuation marks to restore the readability of the passage. **Do not alter capitalization or add or delete any words.** If you feel that you had several choices for punctuation in certain places within the paragraph, explain why you chose to punctuate in a particular way. (15 points)

Staghorn and elkhorn are the main reef-building corals in the Caribbean, laying the foundation of the complex protective habitat at the heart of reefs' famous biological diversity. As they grow, corals take up calcium carbonate from the water and constantly secrete it to form a hard skeleton that can keep pace with the erosive effects of currents, storms, and time. Corals reproduce and form new colonies two ways: either when pieces of a coral are broken off and drift to a new location to take hold, or through sexual reproduction. And when corals reproduce sexually, they tend to go big. The corals provide protective cover for invertebrates and reef-dependent fish, such as grouper, parrotfish, and squirrelfish. They also help dissipate the energy of incoming waves, thus sea grass beds, which grow nearer to the shore and provide refuge for young fish, can thrive.

In my opinion this paragraph won't be fixed by punctuation changes alone. The first sentence was utter nonsense. I made changes that felt and were right, but I can't do much else. Well, there probably is more that can be done to save this patient, but I'd prefer to replace all body parts. We can make it faster, stronger...

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B. Punctuate the following sentences using apostrophes, colons, commas, dashes, hyphens, parentheses, and semicolons as appropriate. **DO NOT rearrange words or alter sentence structure to improve style, structure, or clarity. The sentences are to be punctuated as written.** Once you have completed punctuating the sentences, provide grammatical explanations for selecting each mark of punctuation. If you have intentionally chosen to omit a mark of punctuation, you might wish to explain that as well. (25 points)

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1. Built in memory of those who served in World War I the Great Ocean Road in Victoria remains Australia's finest coastal drive skirting deserted, golden-colored sand beaches, rugged cliffs, and quiet fishing ports all set against the forested Otway Ranges.

① comma setting off introductory subordinate clause
② apostrophe for possessive noun

~~③~~
④ comma to separate coordinate adjectives
⑤ semicolons to separate series items that contain embedded commas

~~⑥~~
⑦ hyphen in unit modifier

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2. If you have hyperthyroidism or too-high thyroid levels, you may feel jittery, irritable, and warm; experience insomnia, heart palpitations, and tremors; and lose weight, you could also have bulging eyes or a goiter, a swelling in the neck that suggests an enlarged thyroid gland.

① commas to set off a nonrestrictive appositive

② hyphen in unit modifier

③ commas in a list

④ semicolons to denote the presence of commas in a list

⑤ period to separate two independent clauses... another semicolon seems like too many

⑥ parentheses to downplay explanatory information

4.75

3. Natural splendors abound as well^① at the eastern end of the island rises Mount Etna^②, an 11,000^③-foot-high active volcano^④ beneath which^⑤ according to Greek mythology^⑥ lies the serpentine monster Typhon^⑦, trapped and entombed for eternity by Zeus.

- ① colon preceeding an explanation
- ② commas setting off a nonrestrictive appositive
- ③ hyphen in a unit modifier
- ④ em dash highlighting explanation because it is worth noting the source
- ⑤ comma to set off a commenting phrase

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4. In the construction of a single nest^① a massive complex of corridors and chambers^②, garbage pits^③, and fungal gardens^④ millions of ants may carry as many as 44 tons of soil aboveground^⑤ each load^⑥ four times the weight of the insects themselves.

not a DC

- ① em dash highlighting explanation
- ② commas in a series
- ③ ~~comma to separate an independent clause from a dependent clause~~ sentence modifier

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5. Shampoos^①, toothpaste^②, cosmetics^③, margarine^④, chocolate bars^⑤, and all manner of snacks and processed foods^⑥ all of these^⑦ contain palm oil^⑧, the world's number one^⑨ vegetable oil^⑩, an easy-to-grow ingredient.

- ① commas to set off a list
- ② em dashes to highlight an explanation
- ③ commas to set off nonrestrictive appositive... because the claim for #1 is quite subjective
- ④ apostrophe to denote possessive tense
- ⑤ hyphens for idiomatic expression

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IV. Rhetorical Grammar: Rewrite the following sentences to achieve a more direct style and tone. Be especially alert to nominalizations and passive constructions. Once you have made your revisions, check your sentences to be sure that **they are correct in terms of both grammar and punctuation and that all key ideas have been retained**. Then use grammatical terms in writing a brief justification of the changes you have made (30 points).

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 1. With reference to the matter that management has declared to be in the best interest of the furtherance of company-employee relations, the president has been authorized and empowered by the board of directors to grant each and every employee, upon the attainment of 30 years of continued and uninterrupted service to the company, an additional period of vacation that shall be of one week's duration.

To improve company-employee relations, the board authorized the president to grant every employee of 30 years or more an additional week of vacation.

Removed sentence redundancies, hedging, repetition, overuse of word "be"

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 2. In this particular section, I plan to discuss my position about the possible need to dispense with the standard approach to plea bargaining. I believe this for two reasons. The first reason is that there is the possibility of letting hardened criminals avoid receiving their just punishment. The second reason is the following: plea bargaining seems to encourage a growing lack of respect for the judicial system.

I plan to discuss my two reasons for dispensing with plea bargaining: the possibility of criminals avoiding punishment and the growing lack of respect for the judicial system. Nice parallel structure!

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 Removed erroneous sentences and combined seemingly unintelligible reasoning into less wordy responses. This had a weak conclusion, poor adverbial subordination, where? examples?

3. Based on extensive assessment reviews of our training needs and on selected office site visits, there was an identification of concepts and issues to constitute an initial staff questionnaire instrument.

A staff questionnaire was created based on assessment reviews and on-site office visits.

- weak passive voice
- hedging
- overuse of nominalization

dragging partake



4. Purchasers of the enclosed substance must carefully and thoroughly follow the instructions provided herein for the use of the substance, and should in no case and under no circumstances whatsoever consume, or otherwise partake of, said substance without proceeding in the manner set forth in the accompanying circular of instructions.

Purchasers of this substance must follow the instructions for
~~*should not deviate from its original intended use;*~~
~~*as described in the attached instructions.*~~ *no other use is allowed.*
Think of the consumer (your audience).

redundant pairs

Lots of repetitive and erroneous dialogue. This was horribly repetitive. I know I just said that, I'm just trying to drive the point home. So, there was hedging, repetition, weak passive voice, poor adverbial subordination

5. The regulation makes it specific that analysis of the data must be conducted by technically qualified personnel, who have all the necessary qualifications to undertake these analyses.

Regulation requires that qualified personnel conduct the data analysis.

Removed DC as it was redundant.

- hedging
- repetition
- weak passive voice
- excessive usage of "be" verb

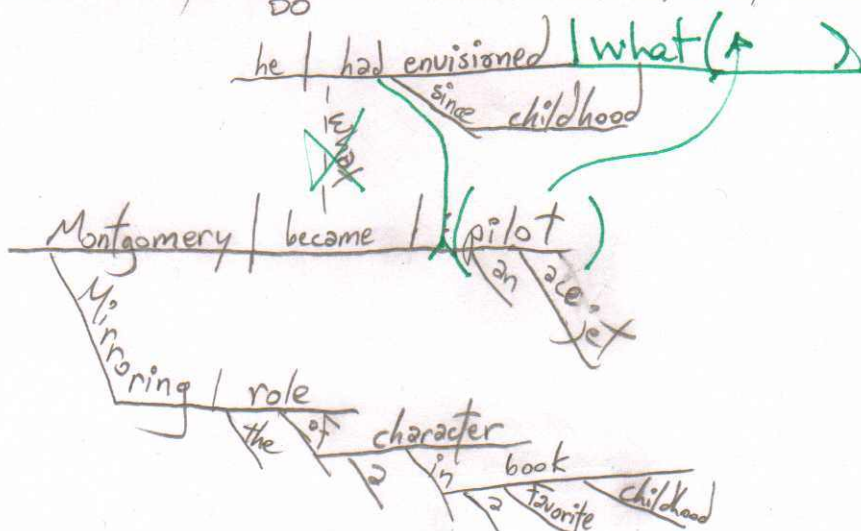
Extra Credit: The rest of this examination is optional.

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V. Diagrams: Use the instructions on page 1 in diagramming the following sentences. (10 points)

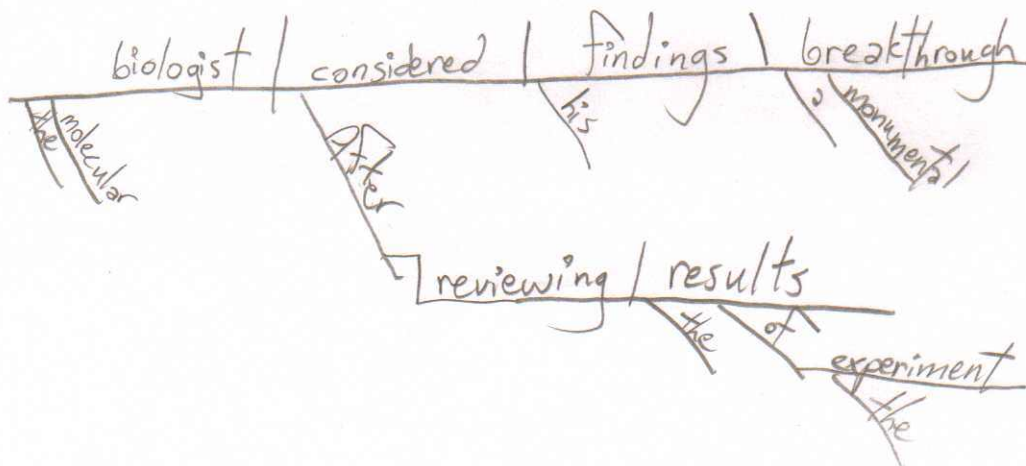
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1. Mirroring the role of a character (in a favorite childhood book), Montgomery became what he had envisioned (since childhood) an ace jet pilot. (PART: VII, IC: ~~VII~~, DC: ~~VII~~)



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2. After meticulously reviewing the results (of the experiment), the molecular biologist considered his findings a monumental breakthrough. (PART: VI, IC: ~~IX~~)



VI. Identifying and Correcting Grammatical Problems Name the grammatical problem(s), and edit each sentence to eliminate any problems that you find. Work with the sentence as it has been written. Make only the revisions necessary to make it grammatically correct; do not focus on improving the sentence style. (15 points)

① ^{you} 1. When attending a concert, play, or lecture, cell phones should be turned off, notebooks should

be put away, and ^{audience members} you should pay close attention to the events ^{on stage} which are unfolding before you.

① ~~dangling participle~~ *elliptical clause*

② ~~Faulty parallelism~~

③ ~~Faulty modification~~

① 2. Teaching English to a non-native speaker, even when they are motivated to learn the

language's idiosyncrasies, ^{has} have unexpected challenges.

① ~~dangling participle~~ *Gerund subject is fine.*

② ~~subject-verb agreement~~

① ^{While she worked}

3. Working as a textbook rep, the academic life and the quirks of professors became second

nature to her; this has helped ^{experience} her in her interactions with ^{whomever} whoever she now confronts in her job.

① ~~dangling participle~~

② ~~subj-verb agreement~~

③ ~~Faulty pronoun case~~

VII. Punctuation: Punctuate the following brief paragraph using apostrophes, colons, commas, dashes, hyphens, parentheses, and semicolons as appropriate. DO NOT rearrange words or alter sentence structure to improve style, structure, or clarity. The paragraph is to be punctuated as written. If you feel that you had several choices for punctuation in certain places within the paragraph, explain why you chose to punctuate in a particular way. If you have intentionally chosen to omit a mark of punctuation, you might wish to explain that as well. (15 points)

When I want to coax maximum flavor out of hardy vegetables like beets, broccoli, and cauliflower, I pull out a roasting pan and crank up my oven. The uniform blast of heat concentrates their sweet, earthy notes so effectively that I can barely keep myself from eating them straight out of the pan. Humble carrots, however, never seem to attain the same heights despite the fact that, as roasting candidates go, they would seem like one of the best; carrots contain about 87 percent water by weight, which you'd figure would help keep their insides tender and moist while the oven's dry heat deepens their sweetness and browns their exteriors. But, most of the time when I roast carrots, they come out dry, shriveled, and jerkylike.

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It is probably true that in spite of the fact that the educational environment is a very significant and important facet for each and every one of our children in terms of his or her own individual future development and growth, various different groups and people do not at all support certain tax assessments at a reasonable and fair rate that are required for the express purpose and intention of providing an educational context at a decent level of quality. As a result of their inability to comprehend the significantly short-sighted and narrow view that they are espousing with regard to this matter, all of our children are certain to suffer immeasurably from their negative attitude towards raising taxes for education.

Despite the influences ^{on} development and growth our children encounter in the educational environment, many ^{people} do not support the taxes necessary to provide quality education. ^{Because of} this view, our children are certain to suffer greatly.
 Dangling preposition

weak "if" cleft

- Transformations
- Hedging
- weak conclusion
- repetition
- weak passive voice
- excessive use of "be" verb