1 Basic Components of Clauses

Practice Run 1 *Try to analyse the following clauses in terms of their **lexical** components.*

Many	clearly	intelligent	women	marry	total	idiots.
quantifier	adverb	adjective	noun	verb	adj.	noun

My	oldest	sister	Jane	moved	to	Australia	with	all	her	children.
determiner	adj.	noun	noun	verb	preposition	noun	prep.	quant.	det.	noun

It	got	very	late	last	night.
pronoun	verb	intensifier	adv	adj	noun

Which	lever	mustn't	be	pulled?	–	This	one.
det	noun	verb	verb	verb		det.	placeholder/noun

He	was	really	surprised	by	the	results	of	the	test.
pron	verb	adv	adj	prep	det	noun	prep	det	noun

| Several	young	men	ran	away	from	the	madly	rampaging	bull.
quant/adj	adj	noun	verb	particle	prep	det	adv	adj	noun

Practice Run 2 *Break the following clauses up into **Groups**. Then identify Heads, Specifiers and Extensions (where there any).*
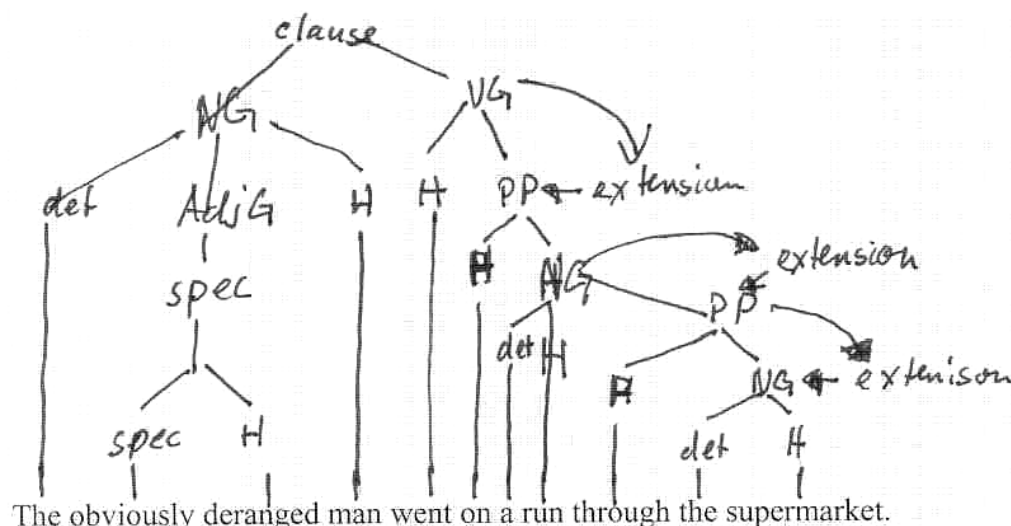

The obviously deranged man went on a run through the supermarket.
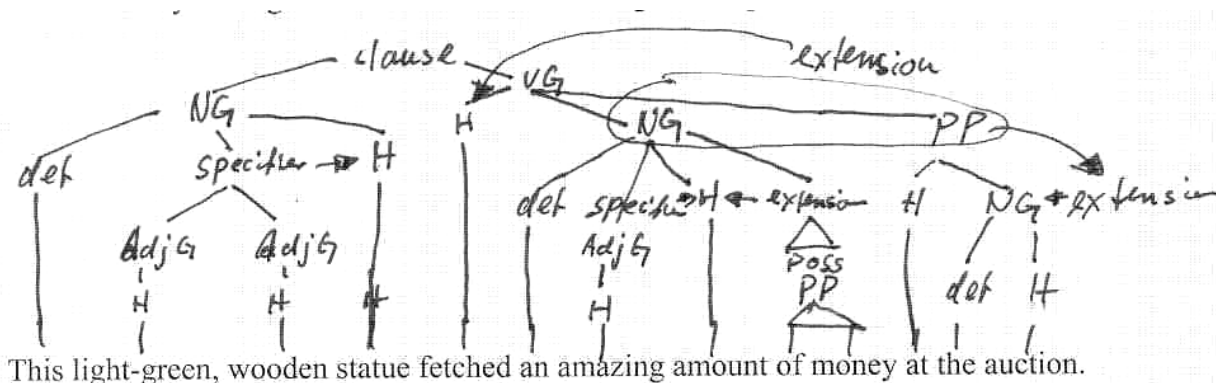
This light-green, wooden statue fetched an amazing amount of money at the auction.

It wasn't very easy in the exam.

This state of affairs is rather problematic for us.
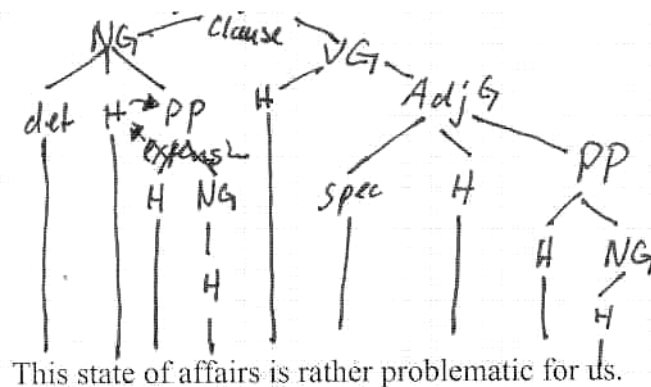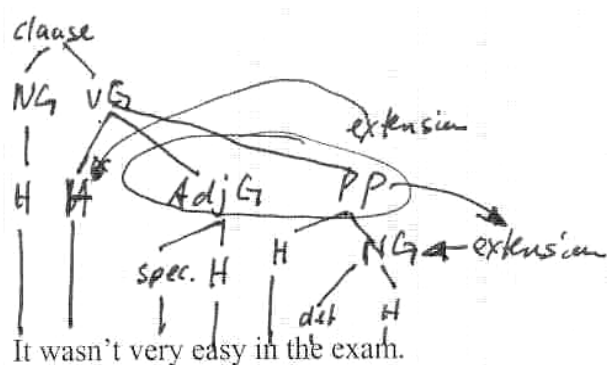
The last one, as it is a question, needs to be rewritten in affirmative form. We usually think of questions as being the result of a transformation by shifting elements.

Rewritten:

He should phone which parent tomorrow morning at seven?
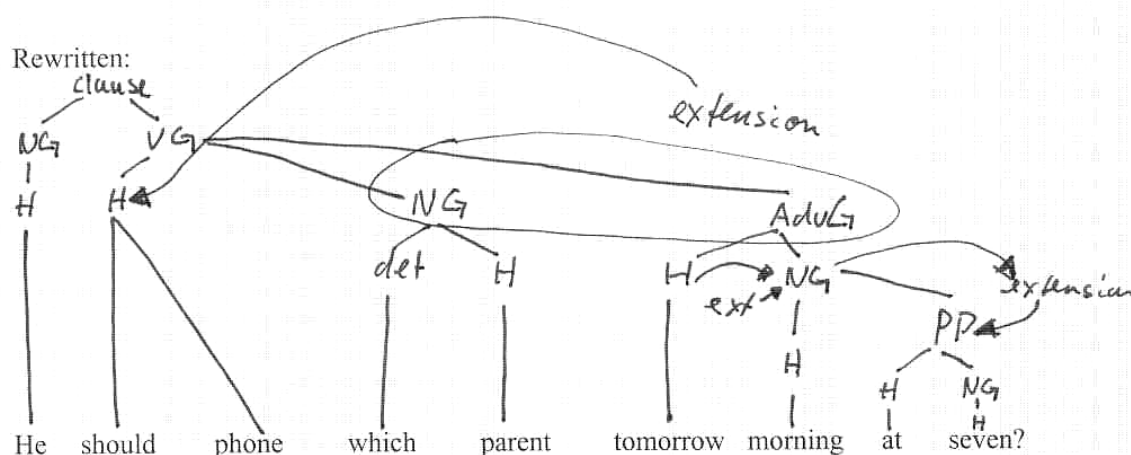
Practice Run 3 *Analyse the following clauses in terms of their **functional categories**.*

We	went	for a walk	in spite of the weather.
S	V	A	A

This	is	incredibly stupid.
S	V	C

She	gave	him	the most interesting news	yesterday
S	V	O_{ind}	O_{dir}	A

Jamie	went	to bed	in the middle of the night.
S	V	A	A

I	get up	far too early in the morning.
S	V	A

He	sold	his mother's horrid, orange retro Formica kitchen table.
S	V	O

Actually,	this cup of cold tea	is	yours.
A	S	V	C

The second-hand car that I wanted to buy	was sold	late yesterday evening.
S	V	A

The situation at work	is	really difficult for Jenny.
S	V	C

George	rang	her	almost daily	for a week.
S	V	O	A	A

My older son from my previous marriage	is	hardly ever on time for appointments.
S	V	C

I	always	skip	breakfast.
S	A	V	O