

Syntax Exam

Winter term 21/22

Version for Italian native speakers

1. Theoretical questions
  - A. Can you provide a definition of the notion of island and discuss an example?
  - B. What is meant with wh-criterion and where does it apply?
  - C. What is the process of relativized minimality?
  
2. Exercises: please identify the following structure and motivate your answer
  - A. Gianni, non lo vedo da mesi
  - B. E' con Piero che vorrei parlare, non con Mario
  - C. Una barca a vela si e' comprato, non un gommone!
  - D. Non so se del progetto, se ne occupa la direzione didattica
  
3. Identify the phenomena that you find in the following pairs of sentences:
  - A. L'iceberg ha affondato il Titanic
  - A' Il titanic e' affondato nell'oceano Atlantico
  - B. Cosa ti ha detto Maria a Piero?
  - B' Non so cosa Maria abbia detto a Piero
  
4. Please provide the syntactic structure of the following sentences
  - A. Cosa credi che Piero abbia comprato?
  - B. Non so dove sia andata Maria
  - C. A Gianni daranno il bel premio

Version for non-native speakers of Italian

1. Theoretical questions

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2. Exercises: please identify the following structure and motivate your answer

- A. John, I have not seen him in ages
- B. It is Peter I want to meet
- C. He bought a new car, not a bike!
- D. Yesterday at five your mother phoned the teacher

3. Identify the phenomena that you find in the following pairs of sentences:

- A. What do you want from me?
- A'. I do not know what you want from me
- B. John is always happy
- B'. John always complains about school

4. Please provide the syntactic structure of the following sentences

- A. What do you think that Peter bought?
- B. Do you know where Mary went?
- C. To John, they will give the Nobel