Assignment 2

BBI 3212 ENGLISH SYNTAX AND MORPHOLOGY

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1. Write sentences to exemplify the constructions provided

[Answer this question after reading Chapter 3 of the Miller text “Introduction to English Syntax”.

Eg. Copula- locative, declarative:

The book is on the table.

a. passive, declarative, positive

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b. non-copula, interrogative yes-no, oblique object

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c. existential, declarative, negative

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d. copula-ascriptive, interrogative-wh

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e. imperative, negative

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2. Identify the syntactic categories of the following phrases (e.g. AP, NP, PP, VP)

a. red in the face

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b. go to the market

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c. above the clouds

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3. Draw labeled tree diagrams for each of the phrases in (2).

a. red in the face

b. go to the market

c. above the clouds

d. the ring of fire

e. complete the test
4. Analyse each of the following sentences into its clauses and state the type of each clause – main clause, adverbial clause, relative clause, or complement clause. [Answer this question after reading Chapter 6 of the Miller text “Introduction to English Syntax.”]

E.g. He promised that he would study hard.

He promised that he would study hard – main clause
that he would study hard – complement clause

a. The security officer realized his mistake after it was pointed out to him.

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b. Deanna suggested that the customer try the new dessert on the menu.

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c. When the clock struck midnight, the firecrackers went off.

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d. The captain who coached the badminton team last year has been promoted.

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5. State whether the underlined clauses are finite or non-finite clauses.

a. Staring at the picture, Melanie dreamt of past happy times with her family.  
   (Finite/non-finite)

b. She fell as she got down the bus.  
   (Finite/non-finite)

c. She disappeared into the crowd, having cheated the poor old lady of her money.  
   (Finite/non-finite)

d. That Annie successfully completed the programme is a real achievement.  
   (Finite/non-finite)

e. Drawing trees is a real pain.  
   (Finite/non-finite)