Assignment 2

BBI 3212 ENGLISH SYNTAX AND MORPHOLOGY

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ASSIGNMENT 2 (10%)

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. mad about love

b. go to the market

c. above the clouds

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3. Draw labeled tree diagrams for each of the phrases in (2).
   
a. mad about love
   
b. go to the market
   
c. above the clouds
   
d. the silvery moon
   
e. follow Simon
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.

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

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

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