LX 422/722 Intermediate Syntax
Spring 2018

Midterm
PRACTICE edition KEY

## Budget your time. 24 points total. 50 minutes.

The number of points assigned to each part is indicated by a number in brackets.

1. [5] Fill in the missing labels for the nodes in the tree below. Use the standard "X-bar" notation (e.g., DP, $v^{\prime}$, etc.).
(1)

2. [4] Yes or No. In the sentence for which the structure is given in (1)...
(a) Is accurately occupying a specifier?
(b) Is accurately a head?
(c) Is to the house a Goal? Yes
(d) Is the stone an Experiencer?
3. [1] Circle one. The verb shown in (1) above is...
4. [1] $\theta$-role. Name the $\theta$-role that the thrower has in (1).
5. Suppose we start building a structure for a sentence, and at a certain stage we wind up with a $v \mathrm{P}$ as shown (abstractly) below in (2).

Note: In the tree below, you should see a DP with a PP adjoined to it. We will probably construct these kinds of DPs a little bit differently once we have started looking more closely at the internal structure of DPs.
(2)

(a) [1] Name the $\theta$-role assigned to the DP at the end of the arrow.

Theme
(b) [1] How many times was Adjoin used? (Include the one attaching V to $v$.)

Four
(c) [1] How many $\left[u \mathrm{D}^{*}\right]$ features were there-total—in these lexical items (not including the one on T that will be added later) initially?

Three
(d) [1] Which of the following three sentences might plausibly include the $v \mathrm{P}$ in (2)?

1. Surprisingly there was pizza with pineapples in its crust.
2. The ice on the sidewalks slowly melted in stages.
3. Marbles often roll under the refrigerator with rapidity.
4. Suppose you had a sentence with the abstract structure given below in (3). I have provided the pronunciation of four syntactic objects: the DPs (Pat and quinoa), and the bare (uninflected) form of the verb (cook).

(a) [1] The verb shown in the structure in (3) (above) is...
ditransitive / transitive / unergative / unaccusative
(b) [1] Draw arrows in the tree that show, for things that moved, where they moved from and to.
(c) [1] Write the sentence that this would be the structure for.

Pat was cooking Quinoa.
(d) [1] What was the motivation to move V to $v$ ?

To check the strong $\left[u \mathrm{~V}^{*}\right]$ feature of $v$.
(e) [1] $v$ started with an unvalued [uInfl: ] feature. What value does it wind up with?

Prog (that is, [uInfl: Prog])
7. [2] Binding Theory I. Consider the sentence in (4), which is "trying to mean" John told himself that Mary didn't omit him (John) intentionally, and answer the questions about it listed below.
(4) $* \mathrm{He}_{i}$ told $\mathrm{John}_{i}$ that Mary didn't omit himself ${ }_{i}$ intentionally.
(a) [1] Which noun phrase(s) bind(s) John in (4)? He—and not himself.
(b) [1] Which Principle of Binding Theory is not violated in (4)? Principle B.
8. [2] Binding Theory II. Now consider the sentence in (5), which is "trying to mean" Mary convinced herself that she (Mary) would win, and answer the questions about it listed below.
(5) $*$ Mary $_{i}$ convinced her $_{i}$ that herself ${ }_{i}$ would win.
(a) [1] Which noun phrase(s) bind(s) herself in (5)? Mary and her.
(b) [1] Which Principle of Binding Theory is not violated in (5)? Principle C.

