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Exam 2 – LIN 514 – 6 April 2016

Name:

1. Using the VPISH, please draw a tree for (1).

(1) The bees have been appearing from nowhere.

2. Explain what kind of adverb(ial) *possibly* is and where you would place it in a tree.

3. Draw a tree for (2), again using the VPISH.

(2) Who did you want him to meet yesterday?

4. Explain how topic and focus differ (two reasons). Please give an example of a topic in English.

5. What kinds of verbs are *tend* and *threaten* in (3) and (4)? *Why?*

(3) My goldfish tends to eat too much.

(4) It is threatening to rain.

6. Draw the DP for (5).

(5) That beautiful painting of the horses.

7. Which concept or tree has been the most interesting to you in syntax? (no right or wrong answer).

Please ask if anything is unclear! Good luck.