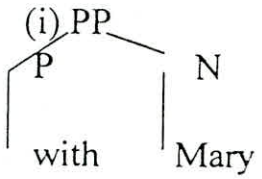
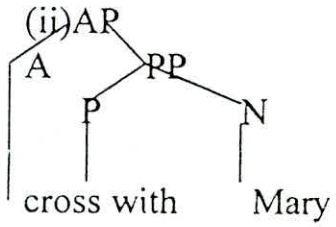
Exercises

1. Discuss the derivation of the following sentences ,showing how their structure is built up in a pairwise fashion by successive merger operations.

(i) He was getting cross with Mary.
(ii) You must feel proud of yourself.
(iii) He may need to ask for help.
(iv) They are expecting to hear from you.
(v) You should try to talk to her.
(vi) I would imagine that they have arrested him.

Model answer for sentence no.(i)

First merge the last two words in the sentence to form a constituent, then merge the constituent thereby formed with the third -from-last word to form an even larger constituent, and so on.