COMP than *what,* and the **economy considerations** or **condition** favor shorter movements than longer ones." (137) That is, "COMP lures the *nearest* wh-operator into spec-CP." (137) This condition "is known as the principle of **shortest movement"** or the **minimal link condition (the minimality condition)** since it favors the formation of movement chains with **minimal links.** It is to be noted that the head movement constriant also subsumes the **minimality condition**;i. e. "a head can only move into the next highest head position in the structure containing it." (137)

It is also to be noted that the whole DP, rather than simply the D, is moved into spec-CP by **pied piping** with the wh-operator, as shown in 10.

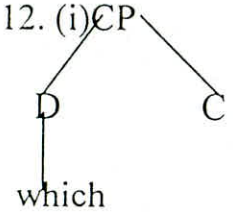
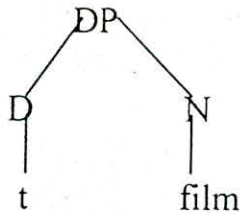
10. (i) *Which film* did you see?
(ii)* *Which* did you see *film*?

Pied piping of the complement of the wh-operator (i.e. *film)* is necessary due to Chomsky's (1995) constriant on chains, as stated in 11.

11.**Chain Uniformity Principle**
A chain must be uniform with regard to phrase structure status

Accordingly ,the ungrammaticality of sentence 10(ii) is the result of "a nonuniform chain whose head (= the preposed wh-word) is a maximal projection; but whose foot (= the trace of the wh-word) is not "(139), as shown by 12.

12. (i)



(ii)