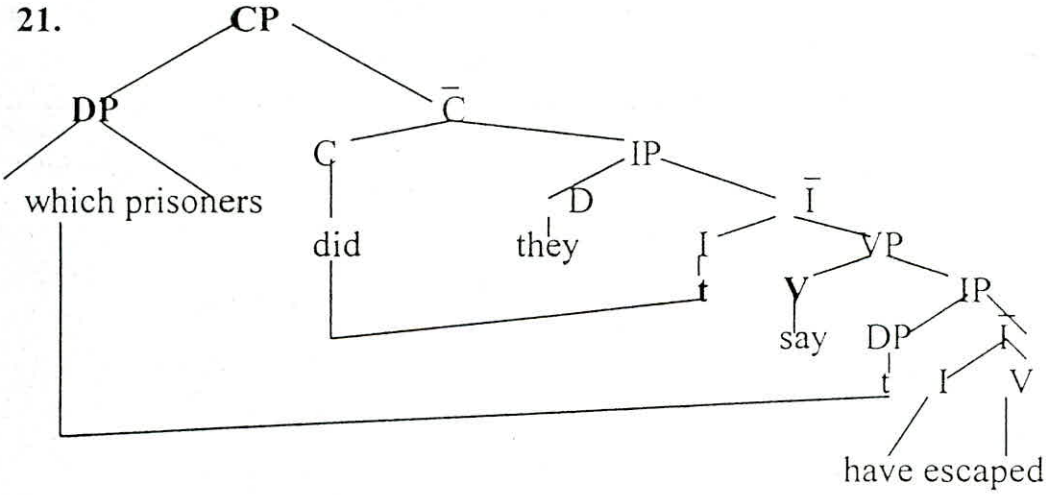
Exercise

I. Account for the (un)grammaticality of the following sentences in Modern Standard English

1. Which prisoners did they say have escaped?
2. * Which prisoners did they say 've escaped?
3. What color did you choose?
4. * What did you choose color?
5. What did he think would happen to who?
6. * Who did he think what would happen to?

Model answer for 1

That the DP *which prisoners* functions as the subject of *have escaped* is shown by its position in the corresponding echo question *They said which prisoners have escaped*?; therefore sentence no.1 has the derivation.

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