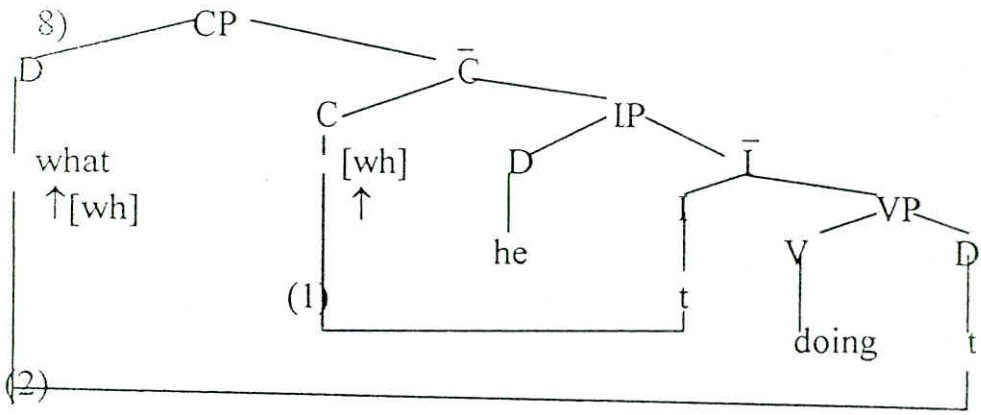
operator movement is driven by Lasnik's (1995) principle of **enlightened self-interest** (which specifies that constituents move in order to check features carried by other constituents, so that movement is motivated by a form of **altruism**)." (134) In such a case , it is assumed that the "head COMP constituent of CP (in questions) carries an interrogative specifier feature, and that (correspondingly) wh-operators like *who* carry an interrogative head feature." (135) Thus, " wh-operators move to spec-CP in order to check the interrogative specifier feature carried by COMP (which needs to be checked and erased ,since specifier features are uninterpretable)." (135) For example, the interrogative in sentence *What was he doing?* "the inverted auxiliary *was* originates in INFL ,and the pronominal determiner *What* originates as the complement of *doing* -as in the corresponding echo question *He was doing what?.*" (135) This movement of the auxiliary , which is from INFL to COMP , is also necessary because it is assumed that "COMP in questions is a strong (perhaps affixal) head." (135) As for the movement of *What,* it is also because "an interrogative COMP carries a [wh] specifier feature". (135)



"Since *What* and COMP are contained within the same CP projection ,as shown in 8, [wh] specifier feature of COMP can be