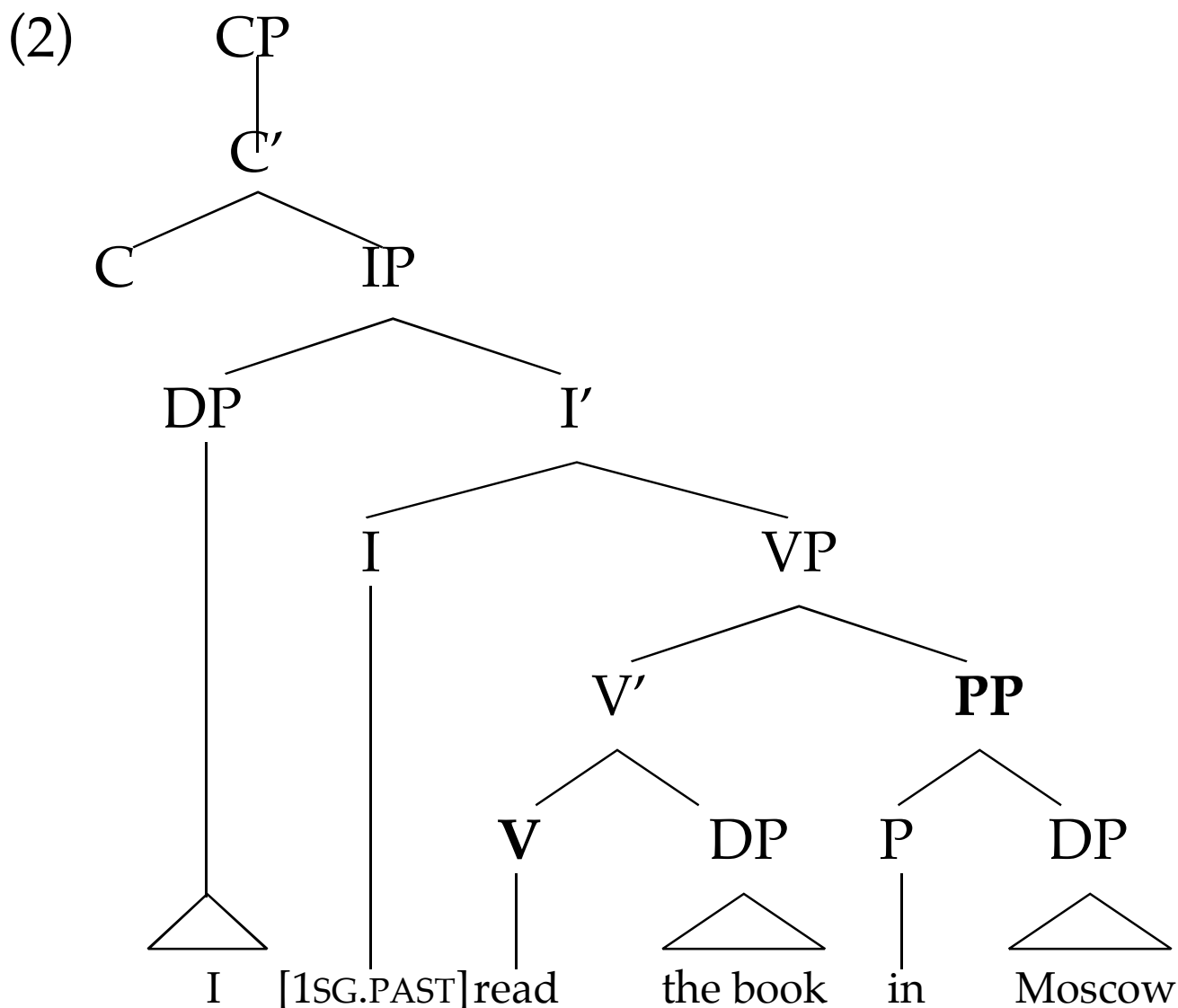


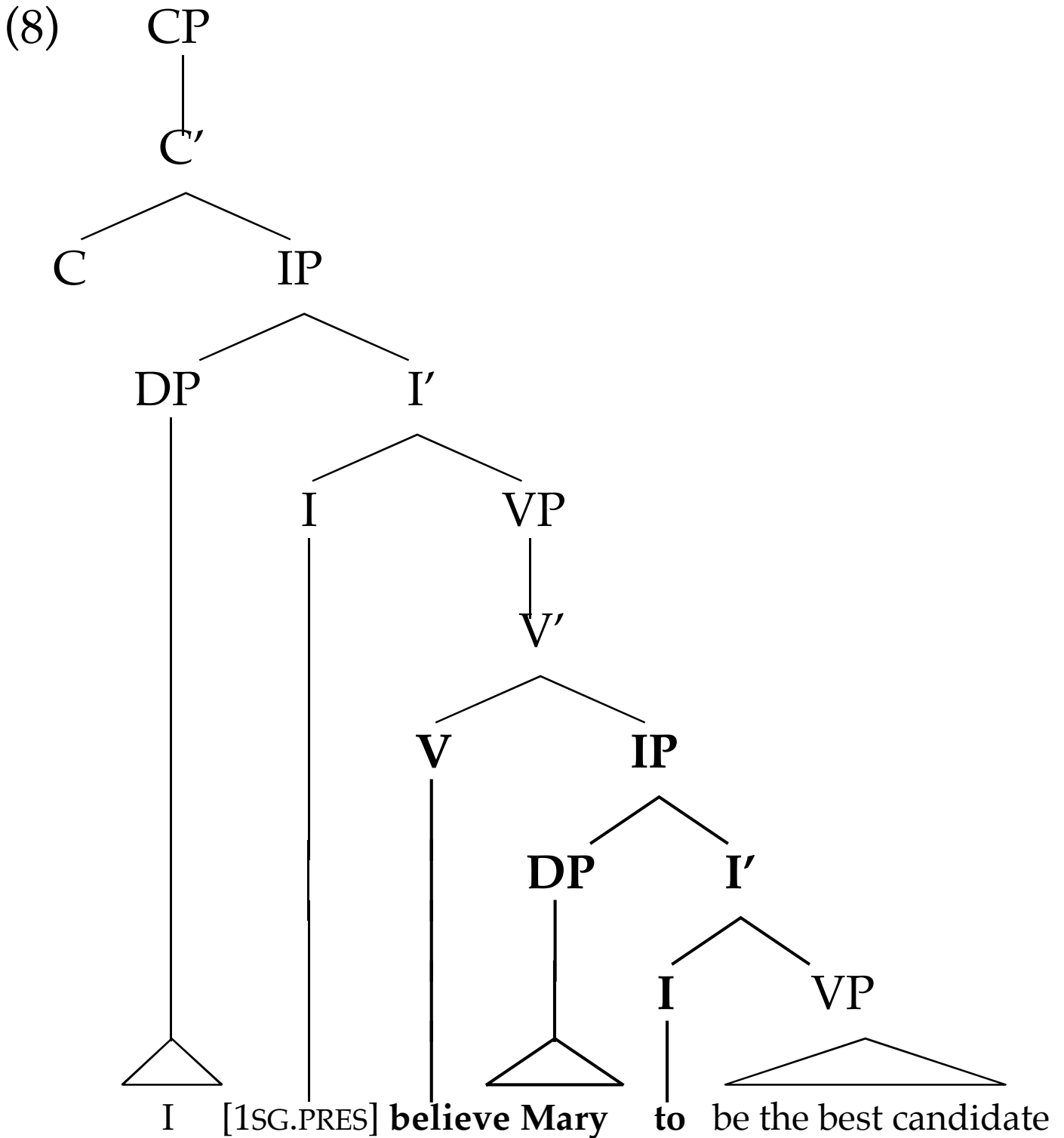
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CLASS 18: CASE THEORY II

- (1) *α assigns Case to β iff*
- (a) *α is a Case-assignor (= V, P, or finite I) and*
 - (b) *α m-commands β , and*
 - (c) *no barrier intervenes (any XP = barrier).*



An **ECM-verb** may assign Case to the specifier of its complement, or: to **non-finite Spec,IP**.



- (12) a. I believe [John to be the best candidate].
b. *I hope [John to be the best candidate].
c. I hope [that [John is the best candidate]].

Question: *Why is (12c) ungrammatical?*

Informally, *believe* can assign case exceptionally (= *believe* is an ECM-verb), but *hope* cannot. Or:

- (13) *The Case Filter (first stab)*
A DP must be assigned Case.

- (14) a. *John to hit the ball would be amazing.
b. For John to hit the ball would be amazing.

