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CLASS 5: QUESTION FORMATION

TERMINOLOGY

acceptability (asterisk '*')
SAI (subject – auxiliary – inversion)
insertion
derivation
last resort
economy

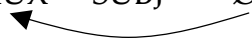
ON THE FORM OF QUESTIONS

(1) a. Shall we walk a bit?
b. * Shall we walk a bit.
c. We shall walk a bit.

(2) a. Which way are you going?
b. * Which way are you going.
b′. * This way am I going.
c. You are / I am going this way.

How to test between three reasonable hypotheses about SAI?

(3) a. *declarative:* Ø SUBJ AUX V
interrogative: AUX SUBJ Ø V



b. *declarative:* SUBJ AUX Ø V
interrogative: Ø AUX SUBJ V

c. *declarative:* SUBJ AUX Ø V
interrogative: AUX SUBJ Ø V

(4) *SAI:* Move the auxiliary AUX leftward across the subject SUBJ.