Appendix 4: SCT Sample Items

Number	Structure	Sentence
1	Subject RC-C	Sarah, who is the sister of Tom, knows a lot about cars. **Q:** Does Tom know a lot about cars?
2	Hypothetical-NC (2)	If they had enough money, they would not worry about their trip. **Q:** Are they worried about the costs of their trip?
3	Object RC-NC	The girl, who Mike called yesterday, is reading the book. **Q:** Did the girl call Mike?
4	Active-C	Sarah is going to call Tommy to tell him about the party. **Q:** Is Sarah going to call Tommy?
5	Causative -C	Mike had John fix his car yesterday for free. **Q:** Did Mike fix John's car?
6	Subject RC-C	Her new teacher, who looks exactly like John, lives in a boat. **Q:** Does John live in a boat?
7	Passive-NC	The tall man is being hit by the small boy in the parking lot. **Q:** Is the small boy hitting the tall man?
8	Passive Subject RC-NC	The gift, which was sent by Mary, arrived at Tom's office. **Q:** Did Mary receive the gift?
9	Hypothetical-C (2)	If she were faster, she could play on a good football team. **Q:** Does she play on a good team?
10	Passive Subject RC-NC	Tommy, who was welcomed by Sarah, is very calm and friendly. **Q:** Is Tommy friendly?
11	Active-C	My brother always pats my father on his back to show his support. **Q:** Does his father pat his brother?
12	Causative -NC	Sarah cannot have her babysitter pick up her children from school. **Q:** Does Sarah need to pick up her children?
13	Object RC-NC	Robert liked the town, which Mike hated for many years. **Q:** Did Mike hate the town?
14	Causative -C	Mike got John to paint his new apartment. **Q:** Did Mike paint John's apartment?
15	Subject RC-C	Their daughter, who is Tom’s classmate, is very smart. **Q:** Is their daughter very smart?
16	Hypothetical-C (3)	If Sarah had called me yesterday, I would have ignored her. **Q:** Did Sarah call yesterday?
17	Causative -C	Their father made John work in the yard over the weekend. **Q:** Did John work during the weekend?
18	Hypothetical-NC (3)	If you had worked harder, you would not have failed the test. **Q:** Did he fail the test?
19	Passive Subject RC-NC	Her sister, who was loved by Tom at school, called Robert. **Q:** Did Tom call Robert?
20	Active-C	Mary painted John while he was sitting on a bench. **Q:** Did John paint Tom?