

Linguistic Foundations of Language Science & Technology
Group Assignment – Clauses and Categories – 16.11.2007

1. Ambiguity:

Working in your group of four, show your understanding of all four tests listed here (the **proform** test, the **sentence fragment** test, the **echo question** test, and the **cleft** test.) It is your choice where to use each test, as long as you use all four somewhere.

- 1 (a) I talked about [the guy sending messages to the police.]
- 1 (b) I talked about [the guy sending messages] to the police.
- 2 (a) [Bruce or Charles] and Doug broke the door down.
- 2 (b) Bruce or [Charles and Doug] broke the door down.
- 3 (a) My cousins [are visiting firemen].
- 3 (b) My cousins are [visiting firemen].
- 4 (a) The man put [the toy in the box] on the table.
- 4 (b) The man put the toy [in the box on the table].

2. Tree Drawing:

Draw tree structures for (4a) and (4b). You do not need to use X-bar structure.