

## A Supplemental Material

### Annotator Sentence Compression Instructions

We herein describe the instruction used for the annotation, we modified the original Annotator Sentence Compression Instructions in (Clarke and Lapata, 2008) and present it as follow:

*This experiment is concerned with sentence compression. You will be presented with a selection of sentences from a news paper article. Your task is to compress each sentence by removing words.*

*Compressing a sentence involves taking a the original sentence and producing a shorter version while retaining the most important information contained within the sentence. The compressions you will produced should be constrained such that the compressed sentence can only be composed of words found in the original sentence and the ordering of words must not change. Words can only be removed from the sentence, there is no opportunity for the addition or reordering of words.*

*Ideally the compressed sentence will be grammatical and retain the most important information of the original sentence. All compressions produced are considered valid provided they have been made while considering:*

- *The most important information in the original sentence.*
- *The grammaticality of the compressed sentence.*