Parameter Setting

1. Based on the Modern Persian data below, is Modern Persian consistently head-initial, head-final or neither? Support your answer with specific data.

Modern Persian Data

(1) ali asb-rā did
    Ali horse-obj saw
    ‘Ali saw the horse’

(2) mard žāla-rā busid
    man Zhala-obj kissed
    ‘The man kissed Zhala’

(3) žāla u-rā busid
    Zhala him/her-obj kissed
    ‘Zhala kissed him/her’

(4) ali be žahr david
    Ali to village ran
    ‘Ali ran to the village’

(5) hasan zan-rā dar xiyābān busid
    Hasan woman-obj in street kissed
    ‘Hasan kissed the woman in the street’

(6) hasan dida šod
    Hasan seen was
    ‘Hasan was seen’

(7) hasan be tehrān khāhad raft
    Hasan to Tehran want (will) gone
    ‘He/she will go to Tehran’

2. Based on the Portuguese data below, what is setting of the Null Subject Parameter in Portuguese?

Portuguese Data

(1) (eu) vou para casa
    (I) am-going to house
    ‘I am going home’

(2) está chovendo
    is raining
    ‘It is raining’

(3) *ele está chovendo
    it is raining
    (ungrammatical)
3. Based on the Japanese data below, what is the setting of the Wh-Parameter in Japanese?

(1) Mary-ga hon-ya-de nani-o katta no? ‘What did Mary buy at a bookstore?'
    Mary-nom bookstore-at what-acc buy Q

(2) Mary-ga doko-de zasshi-o katta no? ‘Where did Mary buy a magazine?'
    Mary-nom where-at magazine-acc bought Q

2. Portuguese data from Wikipedia article on Null subject languages http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Null_subject_language