All the students have passed except Hamid.

The tool of exception

The one from which the exception is made

is a particle used as an instrument of exception. There are many other instruments of exception, including the following important ones.
Types of Exception – أنواع الاستثناء

1. No one came except Hamid
   - مَأَجَّلَ إِلَّا حَامِد
   - مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ is not mentioned

2. All students came except Hamid
   - جَاءَ الطَّلَّابُ كُلُّهُمْ إِلَّا حَامِدًا
   - مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ is mentioned

3. The guests have arrived except their luggage
   - وَصَلَ الضُّيوفُ إِلَّا أَمْتِعَتَهُم
   - مُنْقَطَع
   - مُستَثْنَى is of a different kind than مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ?

4. I have visited all European countries, except Greece
   - عَزِيَتُ الْبَلَادَ الْأُورَبِيَّةُ كُلُّها إِلَّا الْيُوْنَان
   - مُتَصِّلٌ
   - مُستَثْنَى is of the same kind as مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ؟

5. Does anyone fail except the lazy?
   - هَلْ يَرْسُبْ أَحَدُ إِلَّا الكَسْلَانُ
   - غَيْرُ مُوجَّب
   - مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ is of a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

6. Open the windows except the last one
   - اِفْتَحِ النَّوَافِذَ إِلَّا الْآخِرَةَ
   - مُوجَّب
   - مُستَثْنَى مِنْهُ is an affirmative sentence

7. The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?
   - The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

8. The sentence is an affirmative sentence
   - The sentence is an affirmative sentence

Note: The diagram illustrates the different types of exceptions in both English and Arabic.
Declension of Exception with *illa* – إعراب المُستَثنَى بِ إِلَّا

When *إِلَّا* is used as the instrument of exception, the declension of مُستَثنَى depends on the type of exception, as shown below.
Examples for *illa* – أَمِيلَةٌ لِّإِلَّا
Examples for *illa* – لِإِّلَا ُ

No students were present except Hamid.

Declension of حَامِد is the same as الطلاب.

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

Declension of حَامِد is the same as الطُّلَّاب?

As required by the sentence, as if إلا لا is not mentioned.

Same as مُستَثنى مِنْهُ.

The sentence is an affirmative sentence.

Declension of مُستَثنى مِنْهُ with إلا لا
Every sickness has a medicine except death.

Death is not a sickness.

As required by the sentence, as if إلاَّ is not mentioned.

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

The sentence is an affirmative sentence.

Declension of مُستَثنٍيُونِيَهُ with إلاَّ.
Examples for *illa* – لِلّا

The sentence is an affirmative sentence.

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

The sentence is an affirmative sentence.

As required by the sentence, as if *الّا* is not mentioned.

Declension of *مَفْرَعُْلِهُ* with *الّا*.

To get the correct declension for *مَفْرَعُْلِهُ* in the case of *مَفْرَعُْلِهُ*، remove *الّا* from the sentence. In this case, it is the *الفَاعِل* so it is *مَرفَعَْلِهُ*. Of course, removing *الّا* will make the meaning opposite of what the original sentence means. This is done only to establish the declension.