



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE:** ENG341  
**COURSE TITLE:** THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH  
**CREDIT UNITS:** 3  
**TIME ALLOWED:** TWO HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer Any 3 Questions. (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional 1 mark*)

- 1(a) Define phonetics (5 marks)  
(b) Draw the English consonant chart and correctly place all the consonants (18 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
2. (a) Why are minimal pairs environmentally contrastive? (10 marks)  
(b) Differentiate minimal pairs in vowels from consonants (13 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
3. (a) What is assimilation in English phonology? (10 marks)  
(b) Differentiate between progressive and regressive assimilation (13 marks)  
(23 marks/40 minutes)
4. With adequate illustration from Roach and Gimson, what are the phonotactics of English?  
(23 marks/40 minutes)