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FACULTY OF ARTS
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2021 _2 SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 341

COURSE TITLE: THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

CREDIT UNITS: THREE (3)

TIME ALLOWED: 3hours

Answer four (4) questions in all. All questions carry equal marks

1. With illustrations, differentiate between plosive and fricative sounds.

b) Describe how voiced and voiceless sounds are produced.

(45Mins;17.5marks)

2. Discuss the production of semi-vowel sounds.

b) What are minimal pairs?

c) Define Phoneme

(45Mins;17.5marks)

3. Write short notes on:

i. Allophone

ii. Assimilation

iii. Deletion

iv. Nasal sound

(45Mins;17.5marks)

4. What is a syllable?

b) Explain the structure of a syllable.

(45Mins;17.5marks)

5. Speech sounds in utterances often behave differently when they come together to form a word. List the phonological processes that affect changes in English sounds. Discuss two of the processes.

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