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2022_2 SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: ENG341 (3 CREDITS)

COURSE TITLE: THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Fill the blank space with the correct answer
 - i. The study of all the possible combinations of the phonemes of a language in order to write an acceptable unit larger than the phoneme is called _____. (1½marks)
 - ii. ‘The meeting starts right away’ is made with Tune _____. (1½marks)
 - iii. _____ is concerned with the study of how speech sounds are produced. (1½marks)
 - iv. The smallest meaningful, contrastive and distinctive sound unit of a language is called _____. (1½marks)
 - v. Pure vowels are also called _____. (1½marks)
 - vi. When the vocal cords vibrate, _____ sounds are produced. (1½marks)
 - vii. Another name for plosive sounds is _____. (1½marks)
 - viii. /m, n, ŋ/ are _____ sounds. (1½marks)
 - ix. _____ is the process whereby a phoneme changes from its normal pronunciation in isolation or in a word to another phoneme that is close to it in manner or place of articulation in a continuous utterance. (1½marks)
 - x. _____ is a phonological process involving the omission of a vowel sound in a sequence of sounds at the boundary juncture of an utterance. (1½marks)
 - xi. /g/ is _____. (1marks)
 - xii. /ʌ/ is vowel number _____. (1mark)
2. Discuss briefly the process involved in the production and articulation of these sounds and give five examples of words containing such sounds.
 - i) /p/ (3marks)
 - ii) /n/ (3marks)
 - iii) /b/ (3marks)
 - iv) /d/ (3marks)
 - v) /v/ (3marks)

vi) /ŋ/ (2marks)
 3. Choose from the list the word that contains the sound within the slashed brackets. (17 marks: 1½ marks each for a – j. Questions k and l should be score 1 mark each)

- a. /t/ (i) listen (ii) gristle (iii) castle (iv) coughed
- b. /z/ (i) bags (ii) loss (iii) lice (iv) ceiling
- c. /b/ (i) plumber (ii) receipt (iii) tomb (iv) baby
- d. /h/ (i) hour (ii) whore (iii) honest (iv) behave
- e. /ʒ/ (i) mission (ii) television (iii) passion (iv) lesson
- f. /g/ (i) gnat (ii) plague (iii) poignant (iv) gnash
- g. /i/ (i) busy (ii) people (iii) tea (iv) deep
- h. /e/ (i) bury (ii) tea (iii) gate (iv) mean
- i. /i:/ (i) advantage (ii) dip (iii) fee (iv) weapon
- j. /ɔ:/ (i) pot (ii) soar (iii) dog (iv) what
- k. /ʌ/ (i) country (ii) floor (iii) mock (iv) lord
- l. /ɜ:/ (i) lecture (ii) labour (iii) colour (iv) journey

4. Identify and describe the sounds of the underlined letter(s) of the following words:

- i) oar (2marks)
- ii) above (2marks)
- iii) aware (2marks)
- iv) research (2marks)
- v) boys (2marks)
- vi) leopard (2marks)
- vii) law (2marks)
- viii) load (1mark)
- ix) gate (1mark)
- x) agriculture (1mark)

5. a) Use the notation + (positive or present in) and – (negative or absent in) to complete the table below. (15marks)

S/N	Sound	Coronary	High	Back	Obstruent	Sonorant
1	I:					
2	ʊ					
3	ɔ					
4	ɔ:					
5	d					

b) Write short notes on the Triphthongs of English. (2 marks).