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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG341

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 (Four) Questions

- 1a. What is Phonetics? (8.5 marks)
- b. Discuss the roles of a Phonetician. (9 marks)

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/ (2.5marks)

3. Choose from the list the word that contains the sound within the slashed brackets. (17.5 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

- 4a. Explain what a trapezium is and demonstrate its importance to the study of the English vowel system. (5.5 marks)

- b. Draw and fill the vowel trapezium with the 12 English pure vowels. (12 marks)

5. Using relevant examples, list and discuss the differences between the English Affricates and Fricatives. (17.5 marks)