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CENTRE: MAIN

COURSE CODE: AEN 305

COURSE TITLE: THE ENGLISH PHONOLOGY

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: BED (ARTS)

DATE: 13/12/19

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00am

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1(compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (Compulsory)

- a) Using appropriate examples, distinguish the following terms as used in phonology.
 - i. Simple onset vs. complex onset (2 marks)
 - ii. Consonantal sound vs. vocalic sound (2 marks)
 - iii. Passive vs. active articulators (2 marks)
 - iv. Voiced vs. voiceless sounds (2 marks)
 - v. Ingressive vs. egressive sounds (2 marks)
 - vi. Aspirated vs. non aspirated sounds (2 marks)

- b) Draw the syllable structure of the following words (10 marks).
 - i. Xylophone
 - ii. Paraphrase
 - iii. Enzyme
 - iv. Understand
 - v. Thoughtfully

- c) Using relevant examples explain the terms ‘complimentary’ and ‘contrastive distribution’ so as to distinguish them. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) What do you understand by the term ‘phonotactics’ in linguistics? (4 marks)
- b) Discuss the phonotactics of English. Cite relevant examples. (16 marks)

QUESTION THREE

With examples discuss any four suprasegmental features in English. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the interrelationship between phonology and morphology. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Using appropriate examples from English, discuss the three parameters used in the classification of vowel sounds. (20 marks)