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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

AEN 212: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

2ND SEMESTER 2021/2022

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

Question One

- i. Describe each of the sounds below according to the specifications given. (8 marks)
- ✓ [u] Position of the tongue
 - [a] Tongue height
 - [tʃ] Manner of articulation
 - [w] Place of articulation
 - [s] Phonation
 - [d] Airstream mechanism
 - [ʒ] State of glottis
 - ✓ [e] Shape of the lips
- ii. Stress in words is both phonetic and phonemic. Explain with examples how stress is phonemically used to distinguish meaning in English words. (4 marks)
- iii. Describe and exemplify any 4 secondary articulatory processes in English. (8 marks)
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Question Two

- i. Use the English velar plosive /k/ to explain the concepts phone, phoneme and allophone in English. (10 marks)
- ii. "Semi vowels are phonetically like vowels and phonologically like consonants." Discuss this statement and use suitable examples to illustrate your answers. (10 marks)

bottle bottle

Question Three

- i. Transcribe the following words phonemically and draw the syllable structure of each. (12 marks)

Few

Hour

Magnet

Owl

- ii. Using the examples in (i) above describe any two English syllable structures that you have studied in this course. (4 marks)
- iii. Explain, with examples, the difference between centring and closing diphthongs in English language. (4 marks)

Question Four

- i. Using the English sounds /l/ and /r/ as your reference, explain the following concepts and provide suitable examples. (8 marks)

girl - girlz

(a) Clear and dark [l]

(b) Rhotic and non-rhotic accent

- 70 ii. Describe the differences between plosives and nasal in English. Illustrate your answers with suitable examples. (6 marks)

- iii. With examples, discuss the coda and onset restrictions in English. (6 marks)

Question Five

- i. With the use of appropriate examples, describe any three assimilation processes in English. (12 marks)

- ii. With an example for each, explain the difference between broad and narrow transcription. (6 marks)

- iii. What is a syllabic consonant? Give an example. (2 marks)

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