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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

..... SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 202|: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

Date: SCHOOL BASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

1. a) Explain the difference between vowel and consonant sounds (5 marks)
- b) Define the following phonological terms:
 - i) Phonology (2 marks)
 - ii) supra-segmental phonology (2 marks)
 - iii) Pitch (1 mark)

Question one is incomplete

2. a) Using examples, explain what incomplete plosives are (10 marks)
- b) Using examples, show how prenasalized sounds can be a problem to speakers of English as a second language. (10 marks)
3. Using examples, explain the four parameters that you would use to describe the vowel sounds in any language. (20 marks)
4. a) Using two examples of each, discuss any two processes of assimilation (10 marks)

- b) Using examples from your first language, describe the composition of the syllable. (10 marks)
5. As a student of linguistics, describe any five consonant sounds that occur in the English language and compare them with similar ones in your first language. (20 marks)