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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

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

AEN 200: INTRODUCTION TO PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

Date: SCHOOL BASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

1. a) Define the following terms:
 - i) Articulatory phonetics (2 marks)
 - ii) A fricative sound (3 marks)
 - iii) An allophone (1 mark)
 - iv) Non-continuant sounds (give two examples) (2 marks)
 - v) supra-segmental phonology (2 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between phonetic and phonemic transcription (5 marks)
- c) Using examples, explain the concept of complementary distribution (10 marks)
- d) Using examples, define supra-segmental phonology (2 marks)
- e) Transcribe the following words phonetically:
 - i) Uniform (1 mark)
 - ii) Enemy (1 mark)
 - iii) Point (1 mark)

2. a) As a student of linguistics, describe any FOUR English vowel sounds. Use examples. (12 marks)
- b) Using three examples, explain the concept of free variation (6 marks)
- c) What is a phone in phonology? (2 marks)
3. a) “Phonetics and Phonology are intertwined”. Discuss (15 marks)
- b) Using examples, explain the difference between primary and secondary articulation. (5 marks)
4. a) Explain any four points that you would use to help your students understand about the syllable (12 marks)
- b) Using any four examples from any language other than English, explain what tone is. (8 marks)
5. Explain how phonetics is important in different fields of work in our day to day life. Use at least five instances. (20 marks)