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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CITY CAMPUS - SB)

AEN 201: INTRODUCTORY ENGLISH PHONETICS

Date: 26th August, 2013   Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

* Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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Q1. a) Define Phonetics and discuss its **THREE** main components. (8 marks)

b) Explain the difference between the terms "spelling" and "phonetic transcription". Provide illustrations for your answers. (6 marks)

c) Briefly describe how the eggressive and ingressive pulmonic airstream mechanisms are used in sound production. (6 marks)

d) Provide broad phonetic transcriptions of the following expressions:
i. It's very simple.
ii. Far too big.
iii. Not that match box (10 marks)

Q2. The concept of connected speech is better explained by the uniqueness of Assimilation, Elision and Linking. Discuss the assertion using English language illustrations. (20 marks)

Q3. a) With illustrations, discuss the basic parameters of English vowel sound production. (10 marks)

b) How do the place and manner of articulation distinguish consonant sounds that are almost identical? Briefly explain these phenomena with adequate examples.

(10 marks)

Q4. With examples from the English language, explain the distinction between:
i. Consonants/vowels
ii. Nasals/orals
iii. Tense/lax
iv. Front/back
v. Diphthongs/ Monothongs (20 marks)

Q5. a) Using Pike (1947) model, discuss onset and rhyme in the following words:

   i.   Or

  ii.   Bedroom

 iii.   Trip

 iv.   Ought

  v.   Onset   (10 marks)

   b) Give two examples each of English words with the following types of consonant clusters:

   i.   -CC in word-final position

  ii.   -CCCC in word-final position

 iii.   -CC- in word-medial position

 iv.   -CCC in word-final position

  v.   CC- in word-initial position   (10 marks)