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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_1 EXAMINATION...

COURSE CODE: ENG341 (3 CREDITS)

COURSE TITLE: THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 4 Questions

1. Fill the blank space with the correct answer
 - i. The study of all the possible combinations of the phonemes of a language in order to write an acceptable unit larger than the phoneme is called _____. (1½marks)
 - ii. 'The meeting starts right away' is made with Tune _____. (1½marks)
 - iii. _____ is concerned with the study of how speech sounds are produced. (1½marks)
 - iv. The smallest meaningful, contrastive and distinctive sound unit of a language is called _____. (1½marks)
 - v. Pure vowels are also called _____. (1½marks)
 - vi. When the vocal cords vibrate, _____ sounds are produced. (1½marks)
 - vii. Another name for plosive sounds is _____. (1½marks)
 - viii. /m, n, ŋ/ are _____ sounds. (1½marks)
 - ix. _____ is the process whereby a phoneme changes from its normal pronunciation in isolation or in a word to another phoneme that is close to it in manner or place of articulation in a continuous utterance. (1½marks)
 - x. _____ is a phonological process involving the omission of a vowel sound in a sequence of sounds at the boundary juncture of an utterance. (1½marks)
 - xi. /g/ is _____. (1marks)
 - xii. /ʌ/ is vowel number _____. (1mark)
2. Explain the Source-Filter Theory of speech production. (17.5 marks)

- 3a. Distinguish clearly between the terms “Phonology” and “Phonologist” (10 marks)
- b. Discuss a few English phonological rules that are well known to you. (7.5 marks)

4. Identify and describe the sounds of the underlined letter(s) of the following words:

- i) oar (2marks)
- ii) above (2marks)
- iii) aware (2marks)
- iv) research (2marks)
- v) boys (2marks)
- vi) leopard (2marks)
- vii) law (2marks)
- viii) load (1mark)
- ix) gate (1mark)
- x) agriculture (1.5marks) 17.5marks

5. a) Use the notation + (positive or present in) and – (negative or absent in) to complete the table below. (15marks)

S/N	Sound	Coronary	High	Back	Obstruent	Sonorant
1	I:					
2	ʊ					
3	ɔ					
4	ɔ:					
5	d					

b) Give one example each of words containing the sounds above. (3marks)