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COURSE NUMBER: ALL103/ IDE ALL103

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL**
- 2. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION**
- 3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS**
- 4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK,
WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL
SENTENCES.**

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THE INVIGILATOR**

SECTION A
PHONETICS

Question 1

Transcribe the following paragraph phonetically.:

They approach me in a half-hesitant sort of way, eye me curiously or compassionately, and then, instead of saying directly, How does it feel to be a problem? they say, I know an excellent colored person in my town. **[25 marks]**

Question 2

(a) Discuss the dimensions that are used for describing and classifying consonants using a three-term label. Provide examples in each case. **[9 marks]**

(b) provide three-term labels for the following sounds:

(i) t

(ii) h

(iii) f

(iv) r

(v) j

(vi) w

(vii) n

(viii) ŋ

(ix) x

(x) m **[10 marks]**

(c) Explain the difference between primary and secondary articulation. **[6 marks]**

Question 3

(a) Define initiatory process in speech sound production. Using its various types, demonstrate its role in speech sound production. **[15 marks]**

(b) What is place of articulation. How does it assist in the classification of consonant speech sounds? [10 marks]

SECTION B PHONOLOGY

Question 4

Illustrating your answers in each case:

- (a) Discuss the characteristics of a phoneme. [12 marks]
(b) Explain the factors to be considered in making a phonemic transcription [13 marks]

Question 5

Explain the following terms providing examples in each case:

- a) Tone [5 marks]
b) Stress [5 marks]
c) Segmental phoneme [5 marks]
d) Suprasegmental phoneme [5 marks]
e) Length [5 marks]

Question 6

Discuss the following terms giving adequate examples in each case:

- (i) Syllable [5 marks]
(ii) Syllable nucleus [5 marks]
(iii) Syllable onset [5 marks]
(iv) Syllable coda [5 marks]
(v) Monosyllabic words [5 marks]