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**COURSE TITLE : AN INTRODUCTION TO PHONETICS AND
PHONOLOGY, MORPHOLOGY AND GRAMMAR**

COURSE CODE : E2P1

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. This paper consists of six questions
2. Answer any three questions – one from each of the
three sections.

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SECTION A: PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 1

- a) What do you understand by anticipatory articulation? Support your answer by means of one example. (2)
- b) What phonological processes have been applied in the production of the following utterances? Explain each process in detail.
- i) last time
 - ii) circular
 - iii) horse
 - iv) irresistible
 - v) impolite
 - vi) caught
 - vii) remain

QUESTION 2

Consider the following words:

might, late, live, bake, hook, kind, ceiling, gone, law, hi.

- ii) Separate the words into two groups: those that contain diphthongs and those that have pure vowels. [10]

Transcribe all the words in the two groups phonetically. [5]

- iii) Give the phonemic equivalence of the following:

a) sʌbdʒəkt

b) ɛkspɔ:t

c) ri:dʒəkt

d) ʌŋki

e) ɪmˈplɔ:ɪə

[5]

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ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 3

With the aid of **TWO** examples each, critically discuss the various criteria used by linguists in defining and identifying words. [20]

QUESTION 4

a) Slot the appropriate morphemes of the lexical items given in the appropriate spaces below

Lexical item	Prefix	Stem	Suffix
inert			
permit			
boysenberry			
ungentlemenliness			
receive			

[15]

b) What do you understand by free and bound morphemes? Use one of the lexical items in the table above as an example. [5]

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SECTION C : GRAMMAR

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 5

Identify the subjects and objects in each of the following sentences.

- i) Much as they admire her looks and her manner, they have no wish to marry her.
- ii) Through the glass of the frontage, she could see a waiter bending attentively over a woman about her age.
- iii) Hundreds of Jews all over the world are finding their way back to their ancestral traditions.
- iv) Out of the quiet surface of the river, something moved.
- v) Next to it is a different sign, which simply says, 'Beware'.
- vi) Have you got a comment to make about that?
- vii) Look behind you, Willie!
- viii) A moment later, his heart seemed to stop as he sensed the sudden movement of someone rushing into the hut.
- ix) I had to say something.

QUESTION 6

Identify the main and subordinate clauses in the sentences below:

- i) In this country, nobody trusts anyone.
- ii) When she was studying abroad, she earned herself a name by behaving exceptionally well.
- iii) That he has been abused by the minister responsible for national security is beyond anybody's comprehension.
- iv) Fear began to creep slowly into my heart when I realized my parents had abandoned me.
- v) According to a recent study, male circumcision reduces the chances of spreading the HIV virus.
- vi) He talks with people about religion, marriage and money.
- vii) Although our computers can give you all the relevant details, there is some information we do not have access to.
- viii) Leading representatives were put firmly in their place before a live television audience.
- ix) Fortunately there is a lot of English spoken around the world.
- x) After working for twenty years as a security officer, Gab has decided on early retirement.