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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN  
ENGLISH**

**ENGL 821: PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY**

**STREAMS: MA ENGL Y1S2 (SB)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 06/08/2019**

**8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer any four questions.**
- **All questions carry 15 marks each.**

- (a) Describe the structure of the syllable. (8 marks)
    - (b) Using examples from a language other than English, describe its syllabic structure. (7 marks)
  - (a) Using clear illustrations, provide a theoretical distinction between phonetics, phonology and phonemics. (9 marks)
    - (b) Using examples from a language other than English, discuss the use of tone as a prosodic feature. (6 marks)
  - (a) Discuss the different forms of phonological assimilation. (10 marks)
    - (b) Describe the notion of distinctive feature analysis in sound categorization. (5 marks)
  - (a) Describe how you would apply either the phoneme theory or government phonology theory in linguistics research. (8 marks)
    - (b) By providing transcribed examples, highlight the advantages and disadvantages of phonetic transcription. (7 marks)
  5. In the study of prosodic aspects of speech, it is possible to distinguish between auditory and acoustic features. Explain. (15 marks)
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