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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

**ENGL 221: PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS) P/T**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 14/04/2020**

**11.30 AM – 1.30 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO**

1. (a) Using clear examples, discuss the concepts phonetics and phonology. [6 marks]
- (b) Briefly describe the four parameters used to describe consonants. [8 marks]
- (c) Explain the following as used in English. [6 marks]
  - (i) Stress
  - (ii) Phoneme
  - (iii) Allophone
- (d) Describe the following phonemes in terms of place and manner of production. [4 marks]
  - (i) /p/
  - (ii) /t/
  - (iii) /g/
  - (iv) /m/
- (e) Briefly discuss the following, using examples from English language. [6 marks]
  - (i) Minimal pairs
  - (ii) Free variation
  - (iii) Complementary distribution

2. Discuss any four phonological processes using examples from the English language. [20 marks]
  3. (a) Explain the notion 'syllable' using a structural example. [4 marks]  
(b) Using clear illustrations, explain the system of syllabification of English words. [16 marks]
  4. (a) Using relevant illustrations, discuss the major class features of sounds according to Chomsky and Halle's distinctive features. [10 marks]  
(b) Briefly discuss any four functions of intonation. [10 marks]
  5. Using varied examples from English language, discuss four phonological rules. [20 marks]
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