

First Semester Exam (2020/2021)

Level: 1st year

Module: Phonetics

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Time:09.50 – 10.50

Duration: 1h

1. Are the following statements true or false. Write “T” for true and “F” for false (5pts)

- a) The study of the rules and the regularities of the sound system of a given language is the aim of phonetics. (.....)
- b) In the production of human speech sounds, we need some kind of energy in the form of stream of air. (.....)
- c) Consonant sounds are those which involve some kind of air flow obstruction at some point in the vocal tract. (.....)
- d) In the production of consonant sounds, passive articulators are lowered towards active ones. (.....)
- e) Voiced sounds need much breath and muscular effort. (.....)

2. Complete the table below (5pts)

Description of consonant sounds	Definitions
.....	Sounds articulated with the lower lip against the upper teeth.
Bilabials
.....	Sounds articulated with the back of the tongue against the soft palate (the velum)
.....	Sounds articulated with the velum lowered allowing the airstream to escape through the nasal cavity.
Plosive (stops)

3. Fill in the gaps in the following paragraph so as to be meaningful (5pts)

At the level of the glottis, sounds are classified intoand
The former are produced with the two loosely set together. As the air passes through them, it causes The latter are produced with the vocal cords so that the air can pass unimpeded.

4. Circle the phonetic symbol that matches the pronunciation of the underlined vowel sounds in the words below (5pts)

- a) Store /u:/ /ɔ:/ /ʊə/
b) Claim /eɪ/ /aɪ/ /ɑ:/
c) Sleep /ɪ / /ɪə/ / i:/
d) Here /ɪə/ / i: / /eɪ/
e) Learn /e/ / i: / / ɜ: /

5. Circle and write the symbol for the consonant sounds that matches the description given (5pts)

- a) Plosive sound play keen say fine
b) Dental sound fly breath these violent
c) Alveolar sound stop dear high like
d) Fricative sound stay watch brush vapour

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