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**2022\_1 EXAMINATIONS.**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 341**

**COURSE TITLE: THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH**

**CREDIT UNITS: THREE (3)**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3hours**

**Answer four (4) questions in all. All questions carry equal marks**

1. With illustrations, differentiate between plosive and fricative sounds.
  - b) Describe how voiced and voiceless sounds are produced.

**(45Mins;17.5marks)**

2. Discuss the production of semi-vowel sounds.

- b) What are minimal pairs?

- c) Define Phoneme

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3. Write short notes on:

- i. Allophone
  - ii. Assimilation
  - iii. Deletion
  - iv. Nasal sound

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4. What is a syllable?

- b) Explain the structure of a syllable.

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5. Speech sounds in utterances often behave differently when they come together to form a word. List the phonological processes that affect changes in English sounds. Discuss two of the processes.

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