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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**2023\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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COURSE CODE: ENG841

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED ENGLISH PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **3 marks** for each question attempted.*)

1. (a) When your investigation is concerned with the quality, pitch and loudness of a sound, what area of phonetic study are you focused on? (5 marks)  
(b) Give a detailed explanation of this area of focus, using examples to explain your point(s). (15 marks)
2. Identify and discuss any two suprasegmental features of English, showing how they are relevant to the communication process in the natural language. (20 marks)
3. (a) Outline and discuss 10 basic phonological rules in English. (10 marks)  
(b) Explain the function of each. (10 marks)
4. Using any five phonological rules, analyse some lexical items and the pattern of rules that created them. (20 marks)
5. “The syllable serves as the locus of operation for suprasegmental features” (Akere, 1987). Critically examine this statement, backing your position with examples to illustrate your position. (20 marks)