



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2020_1 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: **ENG341**
COURSE TITLE: **THE PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH**
CREDIT UNITS: **3**
TIME ALLOWED: **TWO HOURS**

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 3 Questions. (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional 1 mark*)

- 1(a) Define phonetics (5 marks)
(b) Draw the English consonant chart and correctly place all the consonants (18 marks)
(23 marks/40 minutes)

2. (a) Why are minimal pairs environmentally contrastive? (10 marks)
(b) Differentiate minimal pairs in vowels from consonants (13 marks)
(23 marks/40 minutes)

3. (a) What is assimilation in English phonology? (10 marks)
(b) Differentiate between progressive and regressive assimilation (13 marks)
(23 marks/40 minutes)

4. With adequate illustration from Roach and Gimson, what are the phonotactics of English?
(23 marks/40 minutes)