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**HXE 204/3 - LINGUISTICS I
(Linguistik I)**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- This paper contains EIGHT (8) questions and comprises THREE (3) printed pages.
- Answer FIVE (5) questions from Section A and TWO (2) questions from Section B
- Section A and Section B carry equal marks.

USE DIFFERENT BOOKLETS FOR EACH SECTION.

SECTION A (100 marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this Section

1. [a] Explain the difference between phonetic and phonemic transcriptions. Illustrate your explanation with examples.

[12 marks]

- [b] Transcribe the following passage using regular English orthography.

[8 marks]

aɪ wəʊk sʌdnli. ðə haʊs wəz stɪl, bət ɪn ðə nekst rʊm aɪ kəd
hɪə ɪ ə feɪnt saʊnd. ɪt sɪmɪd laɪk ə maʊs skɪætsɪŋ əbaʊt ʌndə
ðə flɔː. aɪ tʊk daʊn maɪ əʊld bæʃ frəm ðə wɔːl ənd əʊpənd ðə
dɔː. aʊt ɒn ðə steəz aɪ faʊnd ə mæn kɪaʊtsɪŋ daʊn wɪð ə skaːf
raʊnd hɪz feɪz.

2. Explain the term ' airstream mechanism'. Give an account of the various airstream mechanisms used in human speech. Illustrate your explanation with diagrams and examples.

[20 marks]

3. Explain the difference between the production of oral and nasal sounds. With the help of diagrams, explain how all the nasal sounds on the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) chart are articulated.

[20 marks]

4. Explain briefly five of the following phonological terms:

- (i) Complimentary distribution
- (ii) Labialisation
- (iii) Vowel
- (iv) Nasalisation
- (v) Allophones
- (vi) Contrastive stress

[20 marks]

5. Phonemes may be viewed either as a phonetic reality or phonological reality depending on the school of phonology. Choose one view of the phonemes and explain the difference in the approach between any two different schools of phonology that you know.

[20 marks]

SECTION B (100 marks)

Answer ANY TWO (2) questions from this Section.

6. Discuss how morphological processes can be exploited to derive new words from existing elements.

[50 marks]

7. Explain with appropriate examples, the distinctions between relations within paradigms (inflectional morphology) and relations among lexemes (lexical morphology).

[50 marks]

8. Explain the following terms with appropriate examples:

- a) borrowing
- b) compounding
- c) free and bound morphemes
- d) morphs and allomorphs
- e) backformation

[50 marks]