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HET225 – Phonetics and Phonology

Duration : 2 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO (2) pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer any **THREE (3)** questions.

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1. What is the meaning of an airstream mechanism? Explain the workings of THREE airstream mechanisms with appropriate examples.

[100 marks]

2. English has a large variety of vowel sounds. Using suitable examples, explain the production of pure vowels, diphthongs and triphthongs in English language.

[100 marks]

3. Elaborate on the main criteria necessary for the production of consonant sounds. With the help of sagittal diagrams and using TWO examples each, illustrate how plosive, fricative, nasal and approximant consonants are produced.

[100 marks]

4. Explain the nature of the English consonant sounds in the initial and final position within a syllabic structure. Support your answer with suitable examples.

[100 marks]

5. Elaborate on the concepts of distinctive features and phonological notations in generative phonology. Use appropriate examples to support your answer.

[100 marks]