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(Phonology and Morphology of English)**

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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER COMPRISES **THREE** PAGES.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- This paper contains SIX questions.
- Answer TWO questions from **Section A** and TWO questions from **Section B**.
- **Section A** and **Section B** carry equal marks.

### Section A

Answer ANY TWO questions from this Section.

1. What are the different stages involved in the production of plosive consonants. With the help of the diagrams, briefly describe how any six voiced plosive consonants that you know are articulated.  
[25 marks]
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.  
[25 marks]
3. Explain briefly five of the following phonological terms:
  - [a] Obstruents and sonorants
  - [b] Oral and nasal plosions
  - [c] Vocoids and contoids
  - [d] Open and close approximation
  - [e] Contrastive and complimentary distributions
  - [f] Velic closure and velic opening

25 marks]

### Section B

Answer ANY TWO questions from this Section.

4. Explain, with examples, what a morpheme and what an allomorph is and give two examples of allomorph conditioning.  
[25 marks]
5. The commonest way of forming the past tense of English verbs is by suffixing *-ed*. Consider the verbs whose basic form rhymes with *find*: *bind*, *blind*, *find*, *mind*, *remind*, *wind* and any others you can think of. Is there any evidence that, for these verbs in particular, another process may be formally more regular than suffixation of *-ed*?  
[25 marks]

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6. Write short notes on the following:

- [a] collocational restriction
- [b] compound
- [c] backformation
- [d] blending
- [e] clipping

[25 marks]