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Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions	

- Q1. a) Define the following terms as they are used in phonetics and phonology
- i) Initiation
 - ii) Phoneme
 - iii) Diphthong
 - iv) Allophone
 - v) Minimal Pairs
- (10 marks)**
- b) Give the phonetics symbols (I.P.A symbol) for each of the following sounds
- i) Voiced bilabial stop
 - ii) Voiced bilabial fricative
 - iii) alveolar nasal
 - iv) Voiceless velar stop
 - v) Voiced dental fricative
- (10 marks)**
- c) Describe the following sounds/
- i) Z
 - ii) Φ
 - iii) n
 - iv)
 - vi)
- (10 marks)**
- Q2. a) Using clear examples, explain three air stream mechanisms.
- (10 marks)**
- b) Using relevant examples, distinguish between the following notions; manner and place of articulation.
- (10 marks)**

- Q3. a) With examples, describe THREE parameters used to describe vowels. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FOUR major differences between consonants and vowels. (10 marks)
- c) Identify using the phonetic symbols the vowel sound in the following words
- i) Fat
 - ii) Head
 - iii) Sheep
- (3 marks)
- Q4. a) Distinguish between progressive assimilation and regressive assimilation. (10 marks)
- b) Show different realization in English of the plural suffix and the third person singular present tense suffix {S} indicating the environments where the realizations happen. (10 marks)
- c) Explain, with the help of examples, the difference between primary articulation and secondary articulation. (10 marks)
- Q5. With the help of examples, show how phonetics and phonology as linguistics disciplines. (10 marks)

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