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MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE CODE: FRE331
COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED STUDIES IN FRENCH PHONETICS
TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours
INSTRUCTION: Answer 3 questions in all. Question is compulsory

- 1a) Discuss the ordinary and simple definitions of phonetics.
- b) What are the shortcomings of the ordinary definition and the limitations of the simple definition? (30 marks)
2. Mention and discuss three reasons why phonetics is a science. (20 marks)
3. Mention the 4 central concerns of phonetics. (20 marks)
4. Write short notes on the following: (20 marks)
 - i. The general principles for classifying speech sounds.
 - ii. Difference between vowels and consonants
 - iii. The principles for classifying consonants in French.
 - v. Mention four principles for classifying vowels in French.
5. Distinguish between synchronic and diachronic phonetics. (20 marks)