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ENG341: The Phonology of English (3C)
Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any THREE questions

1. Define acoustic phonetics and explain the Source-Filter Theory of speech production.
2. With 4 examples each, compare and contrast free variation and complementary distribution.
3. Using relevant examples, explain the difference between Underlying Representation and Phonetic Representation.
4. Explain how you can identify the English pure vowels and diphthongs. Give at least 20 examples of words where each of these sounds occur.
5. i) With illustrations, demonstrate your understanding of the following parts of a syllable: peak, onset, coda.
ii) What are consonant clusters?