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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS
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COURSE CODE: ENG 302 UNITS: THREE DURATION: 2 1/2 HRS

COURSE TITLE: SUPRA-SEGMENTAL PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

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INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION NUMBER ONE AND ANY TWO OTHERS.

Question
No.

1. Read the following passage and write the missing words/expressions only.

To do a good study of the prosodies of English one needs to master the various individual sound segments. The totality of the segmental phonemes of English stands for the ----a---- of the Language. They can be sub- divided broadly into ----b---- and ----c----. The first category consists of ----d---- membership while the second has ----e----. Further still, the various supra/auto- segmental features of English find their loci on the three phonological units namely, ----f----, ----g---- and ----h----. The said prosodies are ----i----, ----j---- and ----k----. Meaning communication is enhanced by a good enunciation which facilitates the ----l---- of the spoken word.

Beyond the finesse engendered by the appropriate enunciation of English phonemes, word meaning differentiation is achieved outside context largely by the deployment of the appropriate prosody called ----m----. Message communication in terms of longer utterances than the word is facilitated by the deployment of the appropriate supra-segmental feature called ----n----. Four of these are tunes one to four called ----p----, ----r----, ----s---- and ----t----. (20 marks)

2. Construct ten English sentences and indicate their rhythmical patterns. (20 marks)
3. Transcribe in broad/phonemic terms, ten items from the academic world e.g. library . (20 marks)
4. Select five English sentences from the passage on question number one above and, for each, place the tonic on a different item. Then attempt a semantic interpretation of each sentence. (20 marks)
5. Attempt an examination of the four basic tunes in English, stating how they may be deployed in real-life communication. (20 marks)