

Correction of the Second Term Exam in Phonetics

Question one: *Correct the mistakes in the following sentences* (5pts)

1. A sound changes influenced by the preceding one is regressive assimilation. 01pt

Progressive

Or

A sound changes influences by the following one in regressive assimilation

2. Elision and weak forms are used in slow formal speech. 0 1pt

rapid colloquial
Rapid casual/ informal

3. Stress is fixed because it depends on the meaning to be conveyed. 01pt
Sentence is free

4. /ə 'terɪbl 'æksɪdɪnt'hæpəned ət əə 'kɔ:ntə əv θə'stri:t/ 0 2pts
'hæpənd 'kɔ:ntər ə

Question two: *Underline the most appropriate answer* (5pts)

1. **Elision** occurs in normal speech, and it is more common in rapid speech. It refers to the omission of an unstressed vowel, consonant, or syllable in speech. 01pt

a. Weakening b. Assimilation c. Connected Speech d. Elision

2. In sentence stress, we emphasise **content words** such as nouns and principal verbs, while helping verbs, conjunctions, prepositions are not stressed. 0 1pt

a. Weak forms b. Strong forms c. Content words d. Grammatical words

3. Function words have both strong and weak forms. As a rule, the weak forms are used in English conversation. But there are many positions you may use the strong form as in:

a. Initial position b. Medial position c. **Final position** d. All positions 01pt

4.In rapid speech, for example, “handbag” is often pronounced /hæmbæg. This is called **assimilation**.

Question 3:A. *Transcribe these sentences & apply stress rules* (01.5pts)

1. He committed a lot of errors(1.5pts)

/ /hɪ kə'mɪtɪd ə 'lɒt əv 'erəz/

B.Transform the following paragraph into the written form (03,5pts)

/aɪ 'nevər ɪ'mædʒɪnd ðæt aɪ wəd 'mu:v frəm ðə 'vɪlɪdʒ weə aɪ ,gru: 'ʌp tə 'setl ɪn 'lʌndən//ɪts ðɪ 'aɪ'dɪər əv maɪ 'peərənts/ nəʊ aɪ hæv tə 'ɪntəɡreɪt ðeə/

I never imagined that I would move from the village I grew up to settle in London. It's the idea of my parents. Now I have to integrate there.

Question 4: Identify aspects of connected speech in these sentences (5pts)

1. /hi:z 'rɑ:ðər ə 'fæp bɔɪ/
2. /ɪts ə 'kwɛstʃən əv 'lɔ:rən 'ɔ:də/
3. /prɪn'ses daɪ'ænə wəz ə 'vɪktɪm əv 'mɪ:dɪər ,ɛksplɔɪ'teɪʃn/

Weak forms	Linking	Elision	assimilation
ə	'rɑ:ðər ə	ən	hi:z
ə	'mɪ:dɪər ,ɛksplɔɪ'teɪʃn		'fæp
əv	'lɔ:rən		ɪts
wəz			2 pts
ə	1,5pts	0,5 pt	
əv			
1 pt			