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**Second Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH
2B02 FNG : Applied Phonetics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- I. Answer the following in **a** word or phrase **each**. (6×1=6)
1. The study of how sounds are produced by the vocal organs is known as _____.
 2. The smallest unit of sound in a language is called a _____.
 3. Identify the vowel sounds in complete and mark.
 4. /ʌ/ is a _____ vowel.
 5. Give an example for a voiced bilabial plosive.
 6. _____ in language refers to the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in speech.
- II. Answer **any six** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences. (6×2=12)
7. What is the difference between a plosive and a fricative consonant ?
 8. Define the term "accent" in the study of speech.
 9. Describe the process of nasalization in speech.
 10. What is phonology ?
 11. What is L1 interference in the context of second language acquisition ?
 12. What is pitch ?
 13. Give sentence for asking permission and denying permission.
 14. Transcribe the following words :
 - a) Difficult
 - b) Morning
 - c) Calculation
 - d) Grudge

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- III. Write short essay on **any four** of the following in about **100** words/**1** page. (4×3=12)
15. What are the primary articulatory features used to classify vowels ?
 16. Discuss the role of the vocal cords in speech production.
 17. Discuss the concept of allophones and provide examples from English phonology.
 18. Write on the problems in pronunciation.
 19. How do dialects and accents influence phonetic variation within a language ?
 20. Transcribe the following passage :

The sun dipped low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the tranquil meadow. A gentle breeze whispered through the tall grass, causing it to sway rhythmically. Birds sang their evening melodies, adding to the serene atmosphere. In the distance, the silhouette of mountains stood majestically against the colourful sky, painting a picture of peaceful solitude that enveloped the entire landscape.
- IV. Answer **any two** of the following essays. (2×5=10)
21. How does the place of articulation affect the production of consonant sounds ?
 22. Explain Cardinal Vowels.
 23. Discuss the importance of stress and intonation patterns in conveying meaning and emotion in spoken language.
 24. Make up a dialogue which contain expressions used for greeting and introducing self and others/persuading/responding to persuasions and suggestions.

Situation : Two colleagues are preparing for a business trip to a foreign country where they'll be attending a conference. They are discussing their travel plans and preparations.