SINERGIJA UNIVERSITY ENGLISH PHONETICS & PHONOLOGY

MOCK TEST (MID-TERM)

I What is sound a *minimal pair* (provide an example and state which characteristics are the same and which one is different)?

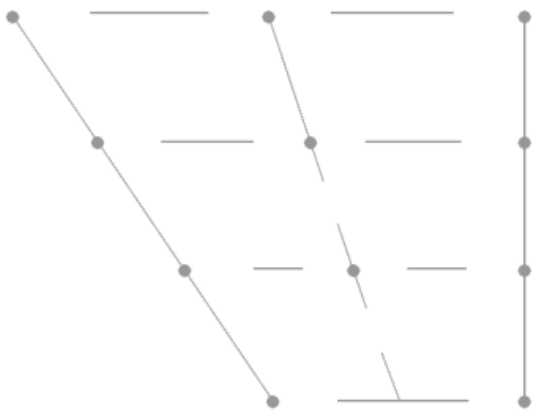
II How would you describe *pulmonic egressive* airstream flow/mechanism (what and where happens during the process)?

III What is/are the main difference/-es between varieties and accents; provide example of a language variety/language accent?

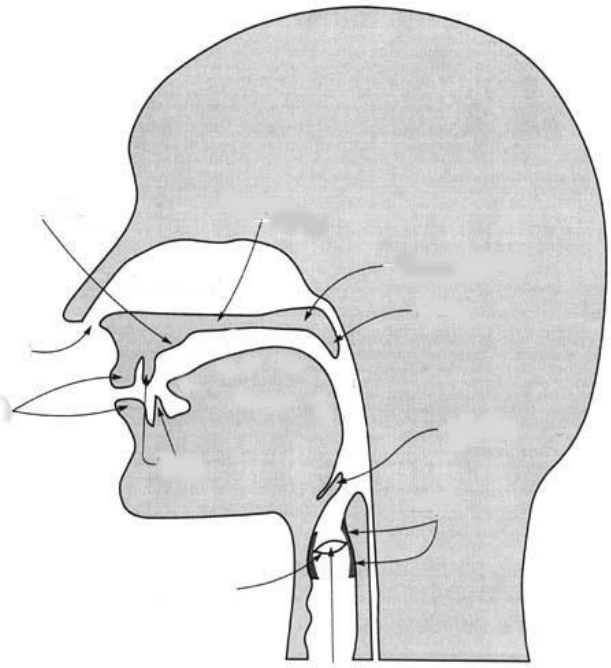
IV Define the term allophone and illustrate its contextual/situational positioning in an example.

V Which *characteristics* do we take into account when classifying *vowels*? According to the characteristics- how could they be described?

VI Applying the criteria we take into account when defining them, describe the vowels from the chart below:



VII In the photo below- determine the cavities that are part of vocal tract:



VIII What is aspiration and which English sounds (and when) can be aspirated? Provide at least three examples where aspiration might occur.

IX How many fricatives are there in English? Describe them in terms of other classification criteria:

X Transcribe the following words and state how many letters are used for their ordinary spelling and how many sounds are there in pronunciation:

JUDGE

STUDENT

WHERE

MEN

FOOT

MICE

XI Transcribe the words below and describe all the vowels that appear (be them monophthongs, diphthongs or triphthongs):

BASKET	COTTON	HOUR	LOWER
PHONE	WHEAT	BUCKET	GANG

XII Transcribe the words below and describe all the consonants that appear:

GIN	WAITER	POCKET	TISSUE
CHAIR	VEST	RADIO	COAST