

The Phonetics of English Pronunciation (WS2008/9)

Mock exam

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Note: Unless otherwise stated, all sections refer to the Southern British variety of English.

1 International Phonetic Alphabet

1.1 Consonants

Explain the meaning of the following IPA consonant symbols by marking the correct value for voicing, place, and manner of articulation. (3 × per line)

	voiced	voiceless	bilabial	labiodental	dental	alveolar	postalveolar	palatal	velar	glottal	plosive	nasal	tap/flap	fricative	approximant	lateral approx.
[f]																
[g]																
[m]																

1.2 Vowels

Explain the meaning of the following IPA vowel symbols by marking the correct value for height, position, and rounding. (3 × per line)

	close	near-close	close-mid	mid	open-mid	near-open	open	front	near-front	central	near-back	back	unrounded	rounded
[æ]														
[ɔ]														
[i]														

5 Stress test

Display your understanding of unstressed vowel weakening by selecting the best transcription for each of the following English words. (Circle the corresponding letter)

5.1 *irrevocably*

- a. [ɪrə'vəʊkəbli] b. [ɪrɛ'vəʊkəbli] c. [ɪrə'vəʊkablɪ] d. [əre'vəʊkɪbli]

5.2 *organisational*

- a. [ɔ:gəni'zeɪʃənɪ] b. [ɔ:gani'zeɪʃnəl] c. [ɔ:gəni'zeɪʃnəl] d. [ɔ:gənə'zeɪʃənəl]

5.3 *bad-mannered*

- a. ['bæd'mænɪd] b. ['bæd'mænəd] c. ['bæd'mæŋd] d. ['bæd'mæneəd]