

EE Pronunciation Varieties MOCK TEST November 28, 2013 Name:.....

A/10pts/1a The author of *Accents of English*, 1982:

1b The author of *Accents and Dialects for Stage and Screen*, 2010:

2 Match phonetic terms and their definitions: A continuant, B liaison, C fricative, D pitch,
E schwa, F velum.

..... A consonant in which the vocal tract is narrowed sufficiently to cause turbulent air flow.

..... The central vowel / ɜ /, found in great abundance in casual English.

..... The soft palate.

..... A consonant that may be prolonged indefinitely rather than having the finite duration of a stop.

..... Linking, or, the strategy of using the final sound of one word to initiate the following.

..... The relative musical tone of an utterance.

3 Transcribe the modern (innovated) EE pronunciations of the terms

obscure.....*variety* *vodka or gin*

4 Which English linguist propagates the inclusion of innovations into official transcriptions of RP? Who is his follower at this department?

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5 State what the urban accents spoken in the following towns are called: Birmingham=.....

Liverpool=....., Newcastle upon Tyne=....., Glasgow=.....

6 Which accent in England has a Celtic substratum and gives a sing-song impression?

7 Which is the only accent of English where schwa can be stressed?

8 What would you say are the biggest differences between Scottish and Northern Irish English?

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9 What does the Cockney diphthong shift consist in? Complete the chain:

/i:/ > /e__/ > /a__/ > /____/

10 Characterize the accent of Eire (Irish Republic).

B/10pts/ Match the origins of speakers with the numbers of their recordings reading "Please call Stella".

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| 1 | Birmingham |
| 2 | Leicester |
| 3 | Glasgow |
| 4 | Strabane, NI |
| 5 | Kilkenny, Eire |

C/30pts/

1 You shall hear a TV report on legal proceedings in detaining a runaway Czech gangster.

2 minutes, 12pts

- a) his name (non-Czech students just first name) :
- b) 2 crimes he is accused of in the Czech Republic:
- c) country in which he is being prosecuted now, give evidence of the accent.

- d) crimes committed in his new country of residence:

- e) the expression used for "runaway":

2 Graham Norton's reaction to an accent. Listen especially to the beginning. Accent:

1:22, 6 pts

3 In the Name of the Father Monologue. Accent:

1 minute, 6pts

4 Tom Hanks teaching the audience to put on an accent in a talk show.

1 minute, 6pts

- a) Which accent?
- b) Which two words does he use?
- c) Which traditional dish is mentioned?
- d) Who is this talk show's host?
- e) Which other accent of English is mentioned?

