

**EE Pronunciation Varieties MOCK TEST**

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**A/20pts/1a** The author of *Accents of English*, 1982: .....

**1b** The author of *Sociophonology*, 1998: .....

**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 /ə/, 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 ..... | Camberley, Surrey  |
| 2 ..... | Leeds, W Yorkshire |
| 3 ..... | Glasgow, Sc        |
| 4 ..... | Strabane, NI       |
| 5 ..... | Kilkenny, Eire     |

**C/20pts/**

**1** 2:32, played once, 5pts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnaaPQz1xJM>

You will hear reactions to the recent Paris attacks in a certain EE country (mentioned 3 times).

- Country .....
- Town of the TV station: ..... (mentioned twice)
- 3 examples (words, pronunciations of this accent):

**2** 2:04, played once, 5 pts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkmUktJ94jg>

You'll hear a professional recording of a monologue in which a woman speaks about a trauma she has suffered, in quite a pronounced accent.

- Localize her accent:
- The kind of trauma she has suffered:

**3** 0:20, played 3 times, 5 pts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQV2QwaqWAs>

Part of a sketch with Harry Enfield, Kathy Burke and Naomi Campbell. Wayne gets his partner Waynetta the long-desired brown baby by impregnating Naomi Campbell. Place their accent geographically and socially, give evidence.

4 2:39, played once, 5pts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuEJRSmRx0c>

An introduction of a rising TV star, Ruairí McSorley.

- a) The pronunciation of his name Ruairí:
- b) Where is he from?