

EE Pronunciation Varieties MOCK TEST

Answer Sheet

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

1b The author of *Sociophonology*, 1998: **John Honey**

2 Match phonetic terms and their definitions:

A continuant, B liaison, C fricative, D pitch, E schwa, F velum.

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

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

F The soft palate.

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

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

D The relative musical tone of an utterance.

3 Transcribe the modern (innovated) EE pronunciations of the terms *obscure* [ɒps'kjɔ:]

variety [və'ra:əti] *vodka or gin* [vɒdkə'ɔ:'dʒɪn]

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

Professor Clive Upton at Leeds University; Miroslav Ježek

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

Birmingham=**Brummie**, Liverpool=**Scouse or Liverpoolian**, Newcastle upon Tyne=**Geordie**, Glasgow=**Glaswegian**

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

7 Which is the only accent of English where schwa can be stressed? **That of New Zealand**

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

A special rising whining tone; a more rounded /r/, sometimes clear /l/, slovenliness.

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

/i:/ > /eɪ/ > /aɪ/ > /ɔɪ/

10 Characterize the accent of Eire (Irish Republic).

/ɒ/=/ʌ/ and vice-versa, clear /l/, dark /r/, t-opening, th-stopping.

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

1 Glasgow, Sc

2 Kilkenny, Eire

3 Strabane, NI

4 Leeds, W Yorkshire

5 Camberley, Surrey

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).

- a) Country **Australia**
- b) Town of the TV station: **Perth** (mentioned twice)
- c) 3 examples (words, pronunciations of this accent): **Australia (vowel shift), closed vowels, /ɜ:/ rounded in PERTH, flapping.**

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.

- a) Localize her accent: **North of England, Yorkshire**
- b) The kind of trauma she has suffered: **she was raped**

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.

London (Cockney) working class, /eɪ/ > /aɪ/ in their names and the word ESTATE, frequent glottalizations.

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: [**'ru:ri**]
- b) Where is he from? **Northern Ireland**