

English Phonetics and Phonology – Exam Topics

1. Phonetics – purpose of study, subdivision, related disciplines, applications
2. Vocal tract – speech production, articulatory movements and their alignment, regions of articulation
3. Communication (language <i>vs.</i> speech); segmental and suprasegmental units and transcription
4. Vowels – vowel quadrilateral and cardinal vowels, English/Czech monophthongs
5. Diphthongs (triphthongs) – description, accent variability
6. Consonants generally – place and manner of articulation, voicing <i>vs.</i> fortis-lenis distinction
7. Plosives
8. Fricatives and affricates
9. Nasals and approximants
10. Assimilation and coarticulation
11. Elision
12. Linking and glottalization
13. The syllable – nature, structure, syllabification, phonotactics
14. Strong and weak syllables – ‘schwa’, vowel neutralization in weak syllables, syllabic consonants
15. Strong and weak forms of grammatical words, gradation
16. Stress in simple words
17. Complex word stress – derivations and compounds
18. Rhythm – stress-based <i>vs.</i> syllable-based principle, two-peak profile, eurhythm
19. Intonation – definition, five English nuclear pitch patterns, prosodic phrase structure, transcription
20. Functions of intonation