

## 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 unlike a stop (plosive) or fricative.

..... 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*:

*Buddha images*:

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

**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?

What is the schwa here an allophone of? / / .

**8** What would you say are the biggest differences between Scottish and Northern Irish Eng.?

**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”.

1 .....	<a href="#">speech accent archive: browse (gmu.edu)</a>	Camberley, Surrey
2 .....	<a href="#">speech accent archive: browse (gmu.edu)</a>	Manchester, Lanc.
3 .....	<a href="#">speech accent archive: browse (gmu.edu)</a>	Glasgow, Sc
4 .....	<a href="#">speech accent archive: browse (gmu.edu)</a>	Strabane, NI
5 .....	<a href="#">speech accent archive: browse (gmu.edu)</a>	Sydney, Aus

**C/20pts/**

1 2:46, played once, 5pts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PWSJH02krs>

A stand-up comedian recalls practising his father’s language.

- The comedian’s name (T.N.):
- Where he spent the first two decades of his life:
- The two official languages of that country:
- The political setup in that country while he was a child:
- The language of his father:

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 2:30, played once, 5 pts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qS7mBbXxJYA>

You’ll hear the beginning of a TED talk about living in a cult. Decide what the young woman’s pronounced accent is. How long has she lived in the cult for?

4 1:36, played once, 5pts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsUvcjk8J5c>

A report on losses and strays on a sheep farm. Localize the accent and give evidence.

