

EE Pronunciation Varieties MOCK TEST November 25, 2014 Name:.....

A/20pts/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 /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 You shall hear a TV report on legal proceedings in detaining a runaway Czech gangster.
2minutes twice, 12pts

- a) his name (spell or transcribe) :
- b) the expression used for [accused of] “running away“:

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2 crimes he is accused of in the Czech Republic:

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- c) country in which he is being prosecuted now:

evidence of the country’s accent in the reporter’s speech:

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

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

1:22, 6 pts

3 A man speaking about politics in his country (explicitly stated). Accent:

1.21 min., 6pts

4 2 minutes of a Sky News interview with the sister (Stephanie) and brother (his name?)
of Meredith Kercher, an English student murdered in Perugia, Italy in 2007. Localize their
accent geographically and socially (*2mins, 6pts*):

