



**Høgskolen i Telemark**

Avdeling for allmenne fag

**EKSAMEN**

**I**

**2025 SOCIAL AND REGIONAL ACCENTS OF ENGLISH**

**08.12.08**

Tid: 4 timer

Målform: Engelsk

Sidetal: 1 + forside

Hjelpemiddel: Ingen

Merknader: This exam counts 60% towards the final mark in *Social and Regional Accents of English*.

Vedlegg: ingen

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. Make a comparison between three accents of English. The comparison should include both rhotic and non-rhotic accents.
2. Describe the general differences between southern and northern accents in England. Include both systemic, phonetic and lexical incidental differences. How does the West Midlands accent fit into this north-south division?
3. “Accents of English differ considerably with respect to vowel system (inventory), and the distribution and realization of vowels.”

Discuss this statement, exemplifying with reference to AT LEAST FOUR different accents of English. In your answer you should show how Wells’ standard lexical sets and vowel part-systems can help systematize the comparison of accents.