



**Høgskolen i Telemark**

Avdeling for allmenne fag

**EKSAMEN**

**I**

**2025 SOCIAL AND REGIONAL ACCENTS OF ENGLISH**

**09.12.09**

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: Vowel Part-Systems

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. Define and exemplify the use of Wells' term "systemic" in relation to differences between accents. In your account you should illustrate the difference between splits and mergers, and include instances of residualisms as well as changes currently taking place, giving examples from AT LEAST THREE different accents of English.
2. Write an essay describing some of the main differences between RP and GenAm. Discuss the various developments that can explain these differences.
3. Discuss the ways in which accents of English differ. You should include an account of what is meant by systemic, phonotactic-distributional, lexical-incidental and realisational differences. Then give possible reasons why innovations in pronunciation arise and why they spread.

## Vowel Part-Systems

### RP Vowels

ɪ	Y	i:		u:	ɪ≅	Y≅	
e		eɪ	oɪ	≅Y	E≅	3:	O:
æ	ɜ	aɪ		aY		A:	
	θ						

### London

ɪ	Y	iɪ		ɝ:	u:	ɪ≅	(u≅)	
e		ɜɪ	oɪ	ɜY	o:	e≅	3:	O≅ <sup>1</sup>
æ	ɜ		Aɪ	æY		A:		
	θ			θY <sup>1</sup>				

### Yorkshire (Leeds)

ɪ	Y	i:		u:	ɪ≅	Y≅	
E		e: (Eɪ)		o:	E:	3:	O≅ <sup>1</sup>
a	θ	aɪ	oɪ	aY	a:	O:	
				(OY <sup>1</sup> )			

### Midlands (Birmingham)

ɪ	Y	i:		u:	(ɪ≅)	(Y≅)	
E	(ɜ)	ɜɪ	(oɪ)	ɜY	E:	3:	O:
a	θ		θɪ	æY		A:	

**Scottish English**

i		i			u		
E	ç	e	çi		o		
		æ	Oe	çu		a	O

**GenAm**

i	Y	i			u		
E	ç	eɪ	Oɪ		o	3	O
æ		aɪ		aY		A	

**Canadian**

i	Y	i			u		
E	ç	eɪ	Oɪ		o	3	
æ		aɪ		AY		A	

**New York City**

i	Y	i		(ɪ)	u	ɪ≅	Y≅
E	ç	eɪ	Oɪ			E≅	3 O≅
æ	A		Aɪ	oY		(æ≅)	A≅
				αY			