



Høgskolen i Telemark

Avdeling for allmenne fag

EKSAMEN - KONTE

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2025 SOCIAL AND REGIONAL ACCENTS OF ENGLISH

04.03.09

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: ingen

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. What are rhotic and non-rhotic accents of English, and where do they occur? Outline the historical relationship between rhotic and non-rhotic accents, and mention some of the related phonological developments that have taken place and are taking place in non-rhotic accents.
2. 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.
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.