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Avdeling for allmennvitenskaplige fag.

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. "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 THREE different accents of English. In the course of your answer you should show how Wells' standard lexical sets and vowel part-systems can help systematize the comparison of accents.

2. Describe the general differences between southern and northern accents in England. Include both systemic, realisational and lexical incidental differences. How does the West Midlands accent fit into this north-south division?
3. 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.

STANDARD LEXICAL SETS

1. The KIT set: word with stressed /ɪ/ in RP and GenAm.
2. The DRESS set: words with stressed /e/ in RP, str. /ɛ/ in GenAm.
3. The TRAP set: words with stressed /æ/ in RP and GenAm.
4. The LOT set: words with stressed /ɒ/ in RP, stressed /ɑ/ in GenAm.
5. The STRUT set: words with stressed /ʌ/ in RP and GenAm.
6. The FOOT set: words with stressed /ʊ/ in RP and GenAm.
7. The BATH set: words with stressed /ɑ:/ in RP, str. /æ/ in GenAm
8. The CLOTH set: words with str./ɒ/ in mainstream RP, str. /ɔ/in GenAm.
9. The NURSE set: words with stressed /ɜ:/ in RP, str. /ɜr/ in GenAm
10. The FLEECE set: words with stressed /i:/ in RP. str. /i/ in GenAm.
11. The FACE set: words with stressed /eɪ/ in RP and GenAm.
12. The PALM set: words with stressed /ɑ:/ in RP, str. /ɑ/ (but not /ɑr/) in GenAm.
13. The THOUGHT set: words with stressed /ɔ:/ in RP, str /ɔ/ (but not /ɔr/) in GenAm.
14. The GOAT set: words with stressed /əʊ/ in RP, str. /o/ in GenAm.
15. The GOOSE set: words with stressed /u:/ in RP, str. /u/ in GenAm.
16. The PRICE set: words with stressed /aɪ/ in RP and GenAm.
17. The CHOICE set: words with stressed /ɔɪ/ in RP and GenAm.
18. The MOUTH set: words with stressed /aʊ/ in RP and GenAm.
19. The NEAR set: words with stressed /iə/ in RP, str. /ɪr/ in GenAm.
20. The SQUARE set: words with stressed /eə/ in RP, str. /ɛr/ or /æɪr/ in GenAm.
21. The START set: words with stressed /ɑ:/ in RP, str. /ɑr/ in GenAm.
22. The NORTH set: words with stressed /ɔ:/ in RP, stressed /ɔr/ in GenAm varieties which have the /ɔr/ versus /or/ distinction.
23. The FORCE set: words with stressed /ɔ:/ in mainstream RP, str. /or/ in GenAm varieties which have the /ɔr/ versus /or/ distinction.
24. The CURE set: words with stressed /ʊə/ in conservative varieties of RP, stressed /ʊr/ in GenAm.

WEAK VOWEL SETS: happy, letter, comma. (“weak” = “in an unstressed final syllable in the citation pronunciation of a word”.)

The happy set: “-y, -ie, -i, -ee, -ey, -ea” words (and “-day” words when these are not given a spelling pronunciation).

The letter set: “-er, -re, -ar, -or, -our, -yr, -ure” words.

The comma set: “-a” words.