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Practical assignment I.

Phonetics as a science. Phonic substance of language and ways of its analysis and description.

- 1. Phonetics as a Linguistic Discipline. Phonetics as the most fundamental branch of linguistics, its role in the development of science, famous phoneticians and their contributions to its development.
- 2. Divisions and Branches of Phonetics.
- 3. Methods of Phonetic Investigation.
- 4. Phonetics and Other Disciplines.
- 5. Spheres of Practical Application.
- 6. Sounds of speech as articulatory and acoustic units.
- 7. Phonetics, its branches and other sciences. Phonetics and phonology.
- 8. Language use in oral verbal communication.
- 9. Pronunciation as a way of materializing of oral form of language.
- 10. Phonic structure of language and its components (the system of sounds, the syllabic structure, word/lexical stress, intonation).
- 11. Units of language vs. speech.
- 12. Theories of teaching pronunciation in current TEFL/TESOL practices.

Practical assignment II.

Syllabic Structure of English Words.

- 1. The syllable as a minimal pronounceable unit.
- 2. The main approaches to this unit from acoustic, articulatory, auditory and functional points of view.
- 3. The expiratory or chest pulse or pressure theory (теорія видиху) by R.H. Stetson.
- 4. The sonority theory / the prominence theory (теорія відносної сонорності) by Otto Jespersen.
- 5. The theory of muscular tension (теорія м'язового напруження) by academician L.V. Shcherba.
- 6. The loudness theory by N.I. Zhinkin.
- 7. Syllable formation in English. The following types of syllables.
- 8. The rules of phonetic (spoken) syllable division. The division of words into syllables in writing.
- 9. The functions of the syllable.

Answer the following questions using one-word answer.

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#	Question	Answer
1	Syllables in writing are called	
2	The limit of the number of syllables in English	
	is	
3	The universal syllabic structure in the canonical	
	form is	
4	What structural element is [ai] in five?	
5	What is the first theory of syllable formation in	
	the chronological order called	
6	What sounds have the highest degree of	
	sonority?	
7	The division of words into syllables is called	
8	The principle which does not allow the	
	appearance of unusual clusters in English during	
	syllabification is called	
9	The syllable boundary in the word <u>careless</u>	
	coincides with its	
10	How is the consonant syllabified between two	
	weak vowels?	
11	Divide into phonetic syllables the word <u>bottle.</u>	
12	What symbol is used to designate a syllabic	
	consonant?	
13	What two types of sounds cannot be split during	
	syllabification?	
14	Divide in writing the word <u>speaking</u> .	
15	Divide in writing the word <u>teacher</u> .	
16	What is the characteristic feature of the syllabic	
	structure of the words of old English origin?	
17	How is the third syllable from the end	
	designated?	
18	How is the syllable preceding the stressed	
	syllable designated?	
19	What are the two commonest structural types of	
	the syllable in English (write their canonical	
	forms)?	
20	What sounds are at the peak of the syllable	
	according to the prominence theory?	

Practical tasks.

Divide these words into phonetic syllables. Give their syllabic structural patterns.

#	A word in transcription	Its	syllabic	structural
		patte	erns	
1	Bridle ['braid. 1]	CSV	C.S	
2	People			
3	Copious			
4	Luggage			

5	Militant
6	Participant
7	Scatter
8	Scissors
9	Tired
10	Disorientation
11	Incomprehensible

Practical assignment III. The Functional Aspect of Speech Sounds.

- 1. The Phoneme.
- 1.1. The definition of the phoneme.
- 1.2. The phoneme as a unity of three aspects.
- 2. Phonological and phonetic mistakes in pronunciation.
- 3. Main Trends in the Phoneme Theory.
- 4. Methods of Phonological Analysis.
- 4.1. The aim of phonological analysis.
- 4.2. Distributional method of phonological analysis.
- 4.3. Semantically distributional method of phonological analysis.
- 4.4. Methods of establishing the phonemic status of speech sounds in weak positions. Morphonology.
- 5. Aspects of speech sounds. Speech sounds as articulatory units and the problem of their classification (Паращук, стор. 125-128).
- 6. The articulatory classifications of English vowels and consonants (Соколова, стор. 50-59, 65-73; Паращук, стор. 128-130).
- 7. The phoneme theory as the basis of phonology. The functional aspect of speech sounds. Transcription (Соколова, 40-43; Паращук, стор. 130-134).
- 8. Three aspects and three functions of the phoneme. The system of oppositions. Vowel and consonant adjustments in connected speech: coarticulatory phenomena (Соколова, стор. 33-39, 59-65, 73-93; Паращук, стор. 134-145).

Practical tasks.

I. Match the words below to obtain the minimal pairs:

Catch, pip, cheap, he, jail, sap, lap, pair, say, sink, rip, fail, lass, Sam, mink, cap, tear, she, lay, heap, match.

II. Give examples of minimal pairs matching the given oppositions of consonants and vowels:

CONSONANTS		
Classificatory principle	Oppositions	Example
1. Active organ of speech	a. labial vs. lingual	a.
and the place of	b. lingual vs. pharyngeal	b.
articulation	c. labial bilabial vs. labio-	c.
	dental	
2. Manner of the	a. occlusive (stops) vs.	a.
production of noise	constrictive	b.
	b.constrictive – affricates	c.
	c. occlusive noise vs.	
	sonorants	

3. Work of the vocal	a. voiceless fortis vs.	a.
cords	voiced lenis	
4. Position of the soft	a. oral vs. nasal	a.
palate		
VOWELS		
1. Position of the tongue	a. front vs. central	a.
(horizontal movement)	b. back vs. central	b.
2. Position of the tongue	a. close (high) vs.	a.
(vertical movement)	mid-open (mid)	
	b. open (low) vs. mid-	b.
	open (mid)	
3. Degree of tenseness	a. tense vs. lax	a.
4. Position of the lips	a. rounded vs. unrounded	a.
5. Stability of articulation	a. monophthongs vs.	a.
	diphthongs	
	b. diphthongs vs.	b.
	stable vowels	

III. What minimal distinctive feature (or features) makes these oppositions phonologically relevant?

a	cap – cab	sent – send	leak – league	voiceless fortis v	s. voiced lenis
·	, cap cac	DOIL DOILG	rount rougue	i cicciess joins i	S. TOTOCOL TOTOL

b) pee – fee tie – sigh do – zoo _____vs.____

c) till – chill day – jay share – chair _____vs.____

d) save – shave presser – pressure mass – mash _____vs.____vs.____

IV. Give examples of:

- a) single opposition;
- b) double opposition;
- c) triple opposition.
- V. Give examples of allophones, realized in concrete words.
- VI. Give theoretical and practical proofs to explain constitutive, recognitive and distinctive functions of phonemes.
- VII. Give examples of complementary distribution and contrastive distribution.

Practical assignment IV.

The System of English Phonemes.

- 1. The system of consonants.
- 2. The system of vowels.
- 3. Modifications of sounds in connected speech.
- 4. Modifications of consonants.
- 5. Modifications of vowels.

Practical tasks:

- 1. What kind of assimilation affects the alveolar articulation of the [t, d, n]
- [1] when they are followed by $[\theta]$ or $[\delta]$?
- 2. How is the [1] pronounced in the word *health?*
- 3. Underline the consonants affected by assimilation in the words white, although, breadth. Define the type of assimilation.

4. What similar assimilative changes do the [t, d, n, 1, s, z] undergo when thev

are used before $[\theta]$ or $[\delta]$?

- 5. How are [n] and [l] pronounced when preceded by $[\theta]$ or $[\delta]$?
- 6. What consonant in the sentence "Call the boy" is affected by regressive assimilation?
- 7. Read the words train, trifle. Say what consonant is assimilated in them and what degree of assimilation it is.
- 8. How is [r] pronounced within the word *through?*
- 9. How is [d] pronounced within the words drop, drug? Say what degree of assimilation it is.
- 10. What articulatory features of the sonorant [1] within the word flower are

affected by assimilation?

- 11. Pronounce the words train, quarter, twilight and swallow and say what type of assimilation takes place in them.
- 12. Read the following sets of words. Concentrate on how the sonorant [w]

pronounced. Tell what type of assimilation it is. (1) win - twin, (2) wept

swept, (3) white – quite.

- 13. What kind of assimilation do you come across in the cluster [tw] in the word
- "twilight"? In what other clusters do we come across the same type of assimilation?
- 14. Analyze the words handkerchief and gooseberry from the point of view of assimilations in them and state: (1) the degree of assimilation; (2) the direction of

assimilation.

- 15. How does the sonorant [n] influence the plosive [t] in the word kitten?
- 16. Say what happens to English plosives when they are used before another affricate? Think of plosive or an some examples.
- 17. Comment on the pronunciation of the [tl] and [dl] clusters in the following

words: *kettle*, *battle*, *dental*, *muddle*, *hardly*.

18. Identify the phonetic process in each word or word combination:

Spar owners, a pair of shoes, left arm, stop pushing, it's, his shirt, It rains in May, He's coming this year, exactly, history, correct, 'cause, lots of money, reference, are, kindness, Is that your dog?, miserable, favourite, Let me do that for you, Does your mother know?, far away, police, 'bout, tell them, ask her, quick cure, vanilla ice-cream, find out, suppose, Would you mind moving?, waste of time, we, 'round, Be on guard, must.

Exercise 1. Explain the mechanism of accommodation in the following words: Kick, spot, flop.

Solve the problem: /vowel/ + /final stop/ = ?and provide examples to illustrate the rule. Exercise 2. Complete these sentences using the pairs of words below. (You may need to change the order of the words.) Frightening-discovery; Restaurant-favourite; Interest – traditional; Considerabledifference; Mistery-prisoner; Carefully-directory; Thankfully-battery; Deafeningaccidentally; Secondary-miserable. 1. Carlo's my _____ Italian 2. When she lived in Shanghai she developed an ____ in___Chinese medicine. 3. The two cars seem identical, but there's a_____ in how much they cost. ____time ____school. 4. in I had а When he opened the door he made a 6. The _____escaped and where he's gone is a complete _____. 7. I checked _____in the _____, but couldn't find his number. 8. The torch didn't work, but _____ I had a spare ____in the kitchen. 9. When I ______ pressed the button there was a _____bang. Exercise 3. Look at the B parts in this conversation and decide whether the links marked are /w/ links or /j/ links. Then work out the rules of sound insertion. A: Where are you going? B: To Austria. A: When? B: Tomorrow afternoon. A: Why? B: To see Adam. A: Who's he? B: My uncle. A: Have you got cousins there, too? B: No. they all live in France. A: How will you get there? B: By air.

A: How long will it take?

B: A few hours.

A: Have you been there before?

B: Yes. I grew up there.

A: How long will you be there?

B: I' | stay a week.

A: Why don't you stay longer?

B: It's too expensive.

A: Will you take Adam a present?

- B: Yes, a new umbrella.
- A: Why an umbrella?
- B: He asked me for one.

Exercise 4. Mark all the possible /r/ links in these sentences containing idiomatic phrases.

- 1. I bought it on the spur of a moment.
- 2. He's got a finger in every pie.
- 3. It's in the nature of things.
- 4. She's without a care in the world.
- 5. It's as clear as mud.
- 6. It's the law of the jungle.
- 7. Let's focus on the matter in hand.
- 8. Is that your idea of a joke?
- 9. He's a creature of habit.
- 10. Pride comes before a fall.
- 11. Get your act together!

Now explain the difference between linking and intrusive /r/.

Practical assignment V. Word Stress

- 1. Definition. The Nature of Stress.
- 2. The types of word stress, distinguished in different languages.
- 3. The effect of prominence. The variations in force, pitch, quantity and quality.
- 4. The placement of word stress. The systems of notation for marking stress in a written word.
- 5. This recessive tendency. The rhythmical tendency. The retentive tendency. The semantic factor.
- 6. The typology of accentual structure of English words worked out by G.P. Torsuev.
- 7. The functional aspect of word stress.
- 8. The term "accenteme" for word stress as a suprasegmental phonological unit having different degrees and placement in a word, introduced by VA.Vassilyev. The three groups of words with identical spelling, representing different parts of speech, which are opposed by means of shifting of the stress, established by A.C. Gimson.
- 9. Guidelines to English word stress placement.
- 10. The status of alternative pronunciation forms.

I. Mark the lexical stress in the following words:

profile, capitalize, unintelligibility, temperamental, qualify, situate, dictate, desert (verb), desert (noun), bare-headed.

II. Mark which words contain a stress-neutral suffix (SN), a stress-imposing suffix (SI) or a stressed suffix (S).

Base word	Derivative word and its	Type of suffix
	lexical stress	
0. climate	climatic	SI
1. Portugal	Portuguese	
2. poison	poisonous	

3. launder	launderette	
4. infirm	infirmary	
5. period	periodical	
6. punctual	punctuality	
7. separate	separatist	
8. punish	punishment	
9. picture	picturesque	
10. proverb	proverbial	

III. Mark the stress in the words given in bold type.

Taxes are not expected to **increase**.

Have you got a permit for that gun?

The President had an armed **escort**.

The receptionist will **escort** the visitors to the meeting room.

His business interests **conflict** with his public duty.

There has been a decrease in the birth rate.

The number of the members is expected **to decrease**.

There will be a storm of **protest**.

Every child **rebels** against authority at some age.

Contrast Tom with his sister.

The rebels in the hill will never surrender.

Contrast makes it look better.

IV. Give the main and alternative stressing for the following words.

#	Word	Main accentual variant	Alternative	accentual
			variant	
0.	abdomen	/	/	
1.	Applicable			
2.	Brochure			
3.	Contribute			
4.	Caviar			
5.	Decade			
6.	Defect			
7.	Demonstrable			
8.	Dispute			
9.	Exquisite			
10.	Formidable			
11.	Harass			
12.	Hospitable			
13.	Ice-cream			
14.	Inventory			
15.	Magazine			
16.	Princess			
17.	Research			
18.	Souvenir			
19.	Weekend			

V. Write each compound in the correct group.

#	Word	Early stress	Late stress
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1.	Apple blossom
2.	Apple pie
3.	Cheese grater
4.	Cheese sauce
5.	Jam jar
6.	Jam sandwich
7.	Peach brandy
8.	Peach stone
9.	Mineral water
10.	Orange juice

Practical assignment VI. *Intonation*

- 1. Definition of Intonation.
- 2. Components of Intonation.
- 3. Intonation Pattern as the Basic Unit of Intonation.
- 4. Notation.
- 5. Functions of Intonation.
- 5.1. Communicative function as the basic function of intonation.
- 5.2. Distinctive function.
- 5.3. Organizing function.
- 5.4. Intonation in discourse.
- 5.5. Pragmatic function.
- 5.6. Rhetorical function.
- 6. Name prosodic features. How do prosody and intonation relate to each other? What functions can prosodic elements perform?
- 7. What is speech melody and what component of intonation does it make? What is the force component of intonation made by? How does a temporal component of intonation manifest itself?
- 8. What is speech tempo? What kinds of speech tempo are distinguished? Speak on the variability of speech tempo and explain what linguistic function it can perform.
- 9. Discuss various approaches to singling out of functions of intonation. What set of functions can you offer? Explain your choice.
- 10. What kinds of variations do the pitch parameters consist of?
- 11. Speak on the pitch direction. What is the nuclear tone? What nuclear tones are there in English? Can tones change only in one direction? Explain and give examples. Speak on the semantic functions of the nuclear tone. Are they easy to define?
- 12. Indicate the main semantic functions of the following nuclear tones: the English Low Fall, the English High Fall, the English Low Rise, the English High Rise, the Fall-Rise, the Rise-Fall, the Mid-Level.
- 13. What is a pitch range? What is a pitch level? What is the meaning of the intonation group defined?
- 14. What is the basic unit if intonation description? What are the structural parts of a tone-unit? Give your example.
- 15. What content/notional words and function/structure/form words? What are words highlighted in an utterance with? Define sentence stress/utterance-level stress. What is its main function?

- 16. What is the sentence focus and where is it located in unmarked utterances? How can a speaker place special emphasis on a particular element in an utterance? How would you define the role of sentence stress/utterance-level stress?
- 17. Explain the functions of intonation as singled out by David Crystal and Peter Roach.

I. Match the given utterances with the adequate nuclear tone and attitude.

A. FALL	b. RISE	C. FALL-RISE	d. RISE-FALL
Finality,	general questions,	Uncertainty, doubt	surprise, being
definiteness	listing, "more to	requesting	impressed
	follow",		
	encouraging		

- It's possible.
- It won't hurt.
- I phoned them right away (and they agreed to come).
- Red, brown, yellow or...
- She was first!
- I'm absolutely certain.
- This is the end of the news.
- You must write it again (and this time get it right).
- Will you lent it to me?
- It's disgusting!

II. Mark the nuclear tone you think is appropriate in the following responses.

Verbal context	Response-utterance	Nuclear tone
1. It looks like for a swim.	It's rather cold (doubtful)	
2. You can't have an ice-	Oh, please (pleading)	
cream.		
3. What times are the	Seven o'clock, seven	
buses?	thirty, (listing)	
4. I've lost my ticket.	You're silly then (stating	
	the obvious)	
5. She won the	She did! (impressed)	
competition.		
6. How much work have	I've got to do the	
you got to do?	shopping (and more	
	things after that)	
7. Will you go?	I might. (uncertain)	

III. Define the sentence focus in every case.

- Mary told John all the secrets. (Not just a few secrets)
- Mary told John all the secrets. (She didn't tell Richard, or Harold or...)
- Mary told John all the secrets. (She didn't hint? Imply them...)
- Mary told John all the secrets. (It wasn't Angela, or Beatrice or...)
- Mary told John all the secrets. (She told him not the news, or the story...)

IV. In each of the pairs of sentences below the first sentence of the pair is unmarked and the second has marked focus. Say in what way the second sentence of each pair is "special" – how it differs from the first sentence.

- Does this bus go downtown? Does this bus go downtown?
- Will this plant grow better inside? Will this plant grow better inside?

• I told you to disconnect it. - I told you to disconnect it.

V. Read the following dialogue and mark the accents.

- Have you taken your family to the Zoo, then, John?
- No, but my kids have been asking me to. I've heard this city has a pretty big one.
- Yes, it doesn't have a lot of animals, but it has quite a variety of animals. I think your kids would enjoy seeing the pandas.
- I'm sure they would. I'd like to see them, too.
- Also, the tigers are worth looking at.
- Is it okay to feed them?
- No, they are not used to being fed.
- What bus do you take to get there?
- Number 28. But don't you have a car?
- We used to have one, but we had to sell it.

VI. Compare the North American school (M. Celce-M., C. Prator) and the British school (D. Jones) in their understanding of intonation.

Intonation is pitch variations, or speech melody. It manifests itself the in delimitative function within a sentence and at its end. The pitch of with which a voiced sound is pronounced is called its intonation. In connected speech the voice-pitch is continually rising and falling. variations produce intonations which may be described as "tunes", or 'patterns' or 'contours' (D.Jones, 2002).

If pitch represents individual the tones of speech. then intonation be thought can of as the entire melodic line. Intonation involves the rising and falling of voice to various pitch levels during the articulation of an utterance (M. Celce-M., 1996).

Intonation is the tune of what we say. Intonation is the combination of musical tones (C. Prator, 1985).

Practical assignment VII. *Rhythm*

- 1. Speech rhythm. Definition. Typology.
- 2. Rhythmic group as the basic unit of rhythm.
- 3. Rhythm in different types of discourse.
- 4. Functions of rhythm.
- 5. Can you give an example to illustrate the nature of English rhythm?

- 6. What is rhythmic group and what is its function and structure?
- 7. How can an EFL learner acquire a good English speech rhythm? What is the typical mistake of Ukrainian learners while imitating The English rhythm?

Follow a step-by-step procedure developed by Herzen University phoneticians (Merkulova, 2002, pp. 76-77) to perform a phonetic analysis of a sentence:

- **1.** Define the communicative type of the sentence and thus its typical intonation pattern.
- **2.** Split the sentence into sense-groups. Mark pauses between sense-groups with one vertical line and put two vertical lines to mark the end of the sentence.
- **3**. Define the prominent elements of each sense-group and put a tone mark before the stressed syllable of the prominent word.
- **4.** See if there is an emphasized word in the sentence and mark it with a special rise.
- **5.** Put down stress marks before all stressed syllables.
- **6**. Transcribe the sentence.
- 7. Mark different phonetic phenomena using the following symbols:
- a) to show the linking of two vowels or a consonant and a vowel;
- b) tr to show all kinds of assimilation (lateral plosion, nasal plosion, etc.).
- **8.** Read the sentence, beating rhythm. To avoid mistakes, one may start reading from the end of the sentence, and add the preceding words or sense-groups one by one.

For example, let us analyze the sentence "This is a nice house which seems unexpectedly little" and perform its step-by-step analysis.

- **a**. The sentence is a statement. Its typical intonation pattern is a gradually descending scale.
 - **b**. This is a nice house | which seems unexpectedly little ||
 - **c.** This is a nice \house | which seems unexpectedly \little||
 - **d.** This is a nice \house | which seems unex↑pectedly \little||
 - e. 'This is a 'nice \house | which 'seems 'unex↑pectedly \little||
 - f. 'ðis iz ə 'nais \haus | wit∫ si:mz 'Aniks↑pektdli \litl ||
 - g. 'ðis∪is∪ə 'nais \aus | wit∫ si:mz'∪\niks↑pektdli \litl ||
- The sentences below are to be transcribed in phonetic symbols, marked for rhythm and intonation, and then read:
 - 1. We have time enough to finish.
 - 2. We have fifteen minutes.
 - 3. Will you have an appetizer?
 - 4. I'll take the regular dinner.
 - 5. Will you bring us our coffee later?
 - 6. You know it as well as I do.
 - 7. Shall we wait here or outside?
 - 8. Which comes first, the chicken or the egg?
 - 9. Have you ever played roulette or blackjack?
 - 10. It's open today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow.
 - 11. Children often eat hamburgers; adults usually prefer steaks.
 - 12. As you said, it's a very nice place.
 - 13. It's getting hotter, isn't it?
 - 14. The busses don't run on Sunday, do they?

- 15. Dinner is served at six o'clock, isn't it?
- 16. Good morning, Ms. Peterson. How are you feeling?
- 17. If it rains, we'll call off the whole thing.
- 18. You'll agree that it's the truth, won't you?
- 19. We are studying composition, pronunciation, and grammar.
- 20. There are two ways of accomplishing it: by kindness, or by threats.
- 21. He translates from English to French, and from French to English.
- 22. Which syllable is accented?
- 23. Ms. Kim, will you open the door?
- 24. The story begins long ago. They were riding in an old car. The car began to cross the river. The bridge had been washed away. The children were in the back seat. They were talking at the tops of their voices. No one could hear anything. One of the children fell out.

Practical assignment VIII.

Phonostylistics.

- 1. The Problems of Phonostylistics.
- 2. Phonostylistics as a branch of phonetics.
- 3. Extralinguistic situation and its components.
- 4. Style-forming factors.
- 5. Classification of phonetic styles.
- 6. Stylistic Modifications of Speech Sounds.
- 7. Phonostylistics as a branch of phonetics. What gave a mighty impulse to this new way of looking at phonetic phenomena? What elements form the so-called "style"? What branch is concerned with the problem of functional styles? Is there any universal classification of the functional styles? What is the aim of phonostylistics? Characterize the extralinguistic situation and its components. What is the purpose, types of activities? What does the activity type specify? What are the categories for social interaction? What is the setting and its arrangement?
- 8. The main style-modifying and style-differentiating factors. What is the influence of these factors upon the phonetic form of speech?
- 9. What is the psycholinguistic view of language? Characterize speaking and reading as two different psychic processes? What does the process of psychic activity consist of? What are the most important characteristics of a spoken text? What are the relevant features of a spontaneous text?
- 10. The linguistic category of style. Speak on the linguistic category of style and analyze it in relation to the main style-modifying and style-differentiating factors (see lecture 2 and look through the material from "English phonetics, a theoretical course" by Sokolova M.A., p.16 32). What are the classifications of phonetic styles (S.M. Gaiduchic, J.A. Dubovsky,
- M.A. Sokolova)? What are the grounds of phonetic styles (S.M. Galduchic, J.A. Dubovsky, M.A. Sokolova)? What are the grounds of these classifications? Is it necessary for a teacher of English to develop the awareness of different phonetic styles of the language?
- 11. The phonostylistic analysis of the text (study this material in "English phonetics, a theoretical course" by Sokolova M.A., p.159 164).

Practical assignment IX.

Stylistic Use of Intonation.

- 1. Phonostyles and their registers.
- 2. Informational style:
- a) spheres of discourse;
- b) informational texts (reading);

- c) informational monologues (speaking);
- d) informational dialogues;
- e) press reporting and broadcasting.
- 3. Academic style.
- 4. Publicistic style.
- 5. Declamatory style. Artistic reading.
- 6. Conversational style.
- 1. Read the rhyme. State what stylistic effect is achieved through repetition.

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig, Home again, home again, jiggety jig; To market, to market, to buy a fat hog, Home again, home again, jiggety jog; To market, to market, to buy a plum bun, Home again, home again, market is done.

2. Read the rhyme. Why is the word "think" singled out?

Look to left and look to right, Note what traffic is in sight. Note, too, which light can be seen: The Red, The Amber, or The Green. Children, keep from dangerous play And THINK before you cross today.

3. Read the rhymes. State what sounds are used to produce the effect of alliteration and for what purpose.

(a) She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore;
The shells she sells are sea-shells, I'm sure;
So if she sells sea-shells on the sea-shore,
Then I'm sure she sells sea-shore shells.
(b) Swan swam over the sea —
Swim, swan, swim;
Swan swam back again —
Well swum swan.

4. Read the rhyme. Transcribe the words used to imitate the sounds made by different animals. State the stylistic device formed by this phonetic means.

Bow-wow, says the dog;
Mew, mew, says the cat;
Grunt, grunt, goes the hog;
And squeak, goes the rat;
Tu-whu, says the owl;
Caw, caw, says the crow;
Quack, quack, says the duck;
And moo, says the cow.

5. Read the poem by an anonymous writer and state what phonetic expressive means the author uses to make it more impressive.

Susan Simpson
Sudden swallows swiftly skimming.
Sunset's slowly spreading shade,
Silvery songsters sweetly singing

Summer's soothing serenade. Susan Simpson strolled sedately. Stifling sobs, suppressing sighs. Seeing Stephen Slocum, stately She stopped, showing some surprise. "Say," said Stephen, "sweetest sigher; Say, shall Stephen spouseless stay? Susan, seeming somewhat shyer, Showed submissiveness straightaway. Summer's season slowly stretches, Susan Simpson Slocum she – So she signed some simple sketches – Soul sought soul successfully. Six September Susan swelters; Six sharp seasons snow supplies; Susan's satin sofa shelters Six small Slocums side by side.

6. Say how the effect of rhythm and rhyme is achieved by phonetic expressive means in the poem by D.F. Alderson.

Lines On Montezuma*
(an extract)
Montezuma
Met a puma
Coming through the rye:
Montezuma made the puma
Into apple-pie.
Invitation

To the nation

Everyone to come.

Montezuma

And the puma

Give a kettle-drum.

Acceptation

Of the nation

One and all invited.

Montezuma –

And the puma

Equally delighted.

* Montezuma (1466-1520) – the last Aztec ruler of Mexico, who was taken prisoner by the Spaniards under Cortés, and later killed by his own people.

Practical assignment X.

Social and Territorial Varieties of English.

MAJOR ACCENTS IN THE UK. GENERAL AMERICAN.

ACCENTS OF ENGLISH OUTSIDE THE UK AND THE USA.

- 1. Defining an accent.
- 2. Major accents of English.

- 3. Social shapes of English.
- 4. The problem of Standard English and models of English for intercultural communication.
- 5. Frameworks for comparing accents in English.
- 6. Phonological and phonetic dimensions for accent description/comparison.
- 7. Social and communicative dimensions of an accent.
- 8. RP/BBC English as the British national standard of pronunciation.
- 9. Cockney as an example of a broad accent of English.
- 10. Estuary English.
- 11. Chief differences between RP and regional accents of British English.
- 12. Contemporary sociolinguistic situation in the USA.
- 13. General American phonological and phonetic description/discrimination.
- 14. Voice quality distinctions.
- 15. Australian English pronunciation.
- 16. Canadian English pronunciation (CnE).
- 17. New Zealand English pronunciation (NZ English).
- 18. Ukrainian English.

Practical assignment XI.

ACCENTS.

TEST. Answer the following questions using one-word/one-phrase answers.

#	Question	Answer
1	What accent is currently making a	
	great influence on RP?	
2	Name the 2 RP vowels which have	
	the highest text frequency of	
	occurrence.	
3	The decline of what RP phoneme	
	can be seen in weak terminations of	
	words?	
4	What phenomenon can be heard in	
	RP in it's quite good, football,	
	etc.?	
5	What is RP often identified with in	
	the public mind?	
6	Give a widely used label for the RP	
	semivowel [j].	
7	What accent is RP, according to the	
	phonotactic specification of [r]	
	occurrence?	
8	What vowel is pronounced as the	
	result of [I] tensing in word final	
	positions?	
9	What is the main pronunciation	
	variant of <i>nephew</i> ?	
10	Name the process that results in RP	

	variant pronunciations of the words	
	suit, super etc.	
11	What sound combinations undergo	
	affricatization?	
12	Indicate triphthongs which can be	
	"smoothed"?	
13	Which RP diphthong is becoming a	
	positional allophone of the phoneme	
	[0:]?	
14	What scholar first described RP as a	
1	hoped for standard?	
15	Name the process occurring in	
	variant pronunciations of <i>issue</i> .	
16	Give the transcription symbol for a	
10	glottalized [t].	
17	What allophone of [1] can lose its	
1 /	alveolar lateral nature and become a	
	vowel of the [o] or [u] type in current RP?	
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18	Give an example of intrusive [r].	
19	Indicate the process which can	
	happen in RP Paul, milk, middle,	
20	etc.	
20	What kind of assimilation do	
	affricatization and assibilation	
0.1	belong to?	
21	Which allophone of [l] is used in	
	American English?	
22	Which American accent prevails in	
	New York?	
23	How many consonants are there in	
	GenAm?	
24	Which is the first vowel in GenAm	
	either?	
25	Is Eastern American rhotic?	
26	What is the most striking distinctive	
	feature of Southern American?	
27	What century English is the starting	
	point for American English?	
28	Which diphthongs are not	
	distinguished in Genam?	
29	What is the root vowel in <i>leisure</i> ?	
30	Give the symbol of GenAm [t] in	
	intervocalic position.	
31	What is one of the most	
	characteristic allophones in	
	GenAm?	
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32	What two processes involve the	
	sound [j] in GenAm?	
33	Which geographical attribute does	
	GenAm have?	
2.4		
34	Which vowel is used in the suffix	
	-ile in GenAm?	
35	How many vowels are there in	
	GenAm?	
26		
36	What is the name of American	
	national pronunciation standard?	
37	The distinguishing feature of the	
	vowels occurring before [r] within a	
	syllable is called	
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38	Coloring of the vowels adjacent to	
	[m], [n] where the velum lowers too	
	soon and makes the preceding	
	vowel nasal is called	
39	A stress on the vowel in the	
	penultimate syllable which is not	
	1-	
	typically stressed in RP is called	
40	Give GenAm for <i>HERB</i> .	
41	Is glottaling found in Australian	
	English?	
42	What vowel is pronounced in <i>merry</i>	
12		
	– marry – Mary in Canadian	
	English?	
43	What do New Zealanders call	
	themselves?	
44	Give Australian English	
	pronunciation for day.	
45	What diphthongs undergo	
7.5		
4 =	"Canadian Raising"?	
46	Where did the first English-	
	speaking settlers of New Zealand	
	come from?	
47	Will an English-speaking Ukrainian	
' '	person pronounce "The cat sat on	
	1	
	the mat" more identically with a	
	Briton's or New Zealander's	
	pronunciation?	
48	What articulation do Ukrainian	
	counterparts of the English apical-	
	alveolar consonants have?	
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49	What allophones of [r] and [l] do	
	Canadians use in all positions?	
50	What is a popular term for	
	Australian English?	
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51	What is a popular term for	
	Australia?	
52	What vowel is probably the most	
	salient differentiating feature of	
	NZE?	
53	What segmental differences	
	between RP and AuE predominate?	
54	Is there much geographical	
	variation in Australia?	
55	How many English speakers are	
	there in Australia?	
56	What is the root vowel in Canadian	
	English HURRY?	
57	Give the name of the accent the	
	mainstream of Australian educated	
	speakers use.	
58	What accent do Australian closing	
	diphthongs display similarity with?	
59	How do New Zealanders pronounce	
	"fish and chips"?	
60	What is one of the most salient	
	features of Australian English	
	vocabulary?	