**II Semester M.A. Degree Examination, June 2013**

**ENGLISH (RCU Syllabus)**

**Paper – 2.2 : The Phonetics of English**

**Model Question Paper**

Duration: **3 Hours** Max. Marks: **80**

Note :

*Attempt all questions*

**SECTION – A**

**I.** Answer the following questions in a sentence/ phrase or a word.

1. How many different sounds does the letter u have in these words : unable, use, urge, us
2. Specify the number of (a) letters and (b) sounds in the following words : excellent, libraries
3. Point out the odd word in each of the following sets on the basis of the vowel sounds used :
   1. bought, taught, fought, house
   2. fool, tool, school, tour
4. Enlist the nasal sounds in English.
5. Which are the weak forms of the word and?
6. Enlist the criteria for the description of consonants.
7. Give three-term description of the initial sound in the word hat.
8. What is the stricture used to articulate Lateral sound?
9. Name the two occasions where the falling tone is generally used.
10. Mark Yes or No and give at least two examples to support your answer : “In compound words when the two parts together do not make up the meaning, the accent is on the first syllable.”

**(2X10 = 20 Marks)**

**SECTION – B**

**Q. No. II.** Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

1. The speech organs
2. Voiced and Voiceless sounds
3. Nasal Sounds in English
4. The Central Vowels in English
5. Word stress in English
6. Tonic Syllable and Tone Group
7. Falling tone
8. The intelligibility of Indian English

**(6X5 = 30 Marks)**

**SECTION – C**

**Q. No. III.**

1. Transcribe the following words and mark stress wherever necessary:

Admit, baggage, themselves, circle, affirm, photography, curious, appear, perfect, exhaust

**(10 Marks)**

1. Transcribe the following sentences using appropriate weak forms wherever necessary and mark the accentual pattern :
2. There are two birds in the tree.
3. The girl will play and the boy will watch.
4. Has he finished working?
5. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
6. Turn to the right at the end of the street.

**(10 Marks)**

1. .Write an essay on the consonant clusters in English

OR

Discuss the diphthongs in English

**(10 Marks)**