

**Вопросы к экзамену по дисциплине
«Теоретическая фонетика»
для студентов 3-го курса (6 семестр)
специальности «Современные иностранные языки»**

1. Phonetics as a linguistic science. The practical and theoretical significance of phonetics. Branches of phonetics. The relations of phonetics with other sciences.
2. Phonology as a linguistic branch of phonetics. Main trends in phoneme theory. Methods of phonological analysis.
3. The phoneme. Aspects of the phoneme. Allophonic variation of English phonemes.
4. The system of English vowels. The articulatory classification of English vowels.
5. The system of English consonants. The articulatory classification of English consonants.
6. Modifications of consonants in connected speech (assimilation, accommodation, elision, etc.)
7. Modifications of vowels in connected speech (reduction, accommodation, etc.).
8. The syllable as a unit of speech. Theories of syllable formation. The functions of the syllable.
9. The structural characteristics of the English syllable. Types of syllables.
10. Word stress in English. Its nature and functions.
11. The problem of linguistically relevant degrees of word stress. The accentuation tendencies in English.
12. Intonation and prosody. Prosodic units. Meanings and functions of intonation (prosody).
13. The pitch subsystem of utterance prosody. Its units and categories.
14. Peculiarities and functional characteristics of utterance stress. Intonation pattern.
15. The phonetic nature of speech rhythm. Peculiarities of speech rhythm in English. Speech tempo and pauses.
16. The problem of the orthoepic norm. National standards and local accents. Current changes in Received Pronunciation (RP).
17. Geographical (territorial) varieties of the English language. Peculiarities of General American pronunciation compared to British English.
18. The problem of classification of phonetic styles. Phonetic style-forming means in English.

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