

Phonetics and Phonology 2022-2023 Revision questions (mid-term) October 2022

Stress, rhythm, intonation

1. The stress pattern of “drinking water” and “running water”? What about “running shoes”?
2. Are all “noun + noun” compounds stressed on the first element?
3. Place names ending with “road”, “avenue”, “square”, “station”, ... and “street”?
4. Stress pattern of phrasal verbs?
5. Stress shift? Examples?
6. Stress pattern of the following? “propaganda purposes”; “Mediterranean climate”; “pronunciation course”; “independent judge”; “BBC radio”; “EU citizen”
7. How do we control pitch (melody) articulatorily?

English intonation

8. Make sure that you have learned to identify tones in monosyllabic utterances auditorily (e.g. “yes” pronounced with the following tones: fall; rise; fall-rise; rise-fall; level).
9. Difference between the following two answers? “Do you know John Smith?” a. “Yes” (fall) / b. ‘Yes” (rise)
10. Is B likely to use a fall or a rise at the end of the following dialogue? A: You start off on the ring road... / B: yes (rise) / A: turn left at the first roundabout... / B: yes (rise) / A: and ours is the third house on the left. / B: OK.
11. Does B entirely agree with A in the following dialogue? A: I’ve heard that it’s a good school. / B: yes (fall-rise)
12. Difference between the following two answers? “You wouldn’t do an awful thing like that, would you?” a. “No” (fall-rise) / b. ‘no” (rise-fall)
13. Do all syllables bear a tone in English?
14. Components of the following intonation phrases? “Give me those”; “In an hour”; “She’s brilliant”; “Can you give me the paper?”
15. Pitch pattern of the following utterances: “regrettably” (fall-rise), “I think so” (fall-rise)?
16. The “default” nucleus placement? Where does the nucleus go?
17. How is old information (something already mentioned) usually treated?
18. Broad focus and narrow focus?
19. Nuclear placement in the following dialogue? A: We bought it before Christmas. / B: Not before Christmas, after Christmas.
20. In the sentence “she was trying to lose weight”, nucleus may go to any of the words depending on the context. Explain the different contexts.