## PLINP201 PHONOLOGY OF ENGLISH

## **Homework 2: Contrastiveness**

For each of the following pairs of sound-types, state whether their distribution is contrastive or non-contrastive. If the former, supply a minimal pair. If the latter, specify the conditioning environment(s). If contrastiveness is restricted to certain environments, specify them. Discuss any uncertainties. Your answers will be assumed to relate to RP unless you specify some other accent.

a.  $\lceil k^h \rceil$ ,  $\lceil t^h \rceil$ Examples contrastive cub vs. tub b.  $[k^h], [k^{=}]$ non-contrastive [kh] syllable-initial before strong vowel [k<sup>=</sup>] adjacent to obstruent bead vs. beard; but weary c. [iː], [ɪə] contrastive, except before /r/ 1. [l], [t] 2. [p], [o] (ignore length) 3. [n], [n]4. [t] (ignore asp.), [d]  $5. [\tilde{\mathbf{e}}], [\tilde{\mathbf{e}}]$ 6. [1], [M]

- 7. [v], [ð]
- 8. [3'] (half-long), [3:]
- 9. [aɪə], [aə]
- 10. [t<sup>n</sup>], [?]

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