

IPA Examination

Sample tasks set for part (a) of the Oral

1. Candidate to perform cardinal vowels, then exotic consonants:

o ø εi ʔa υa at'a
or
e w ou xa ηa atʔa

2. Candidate to perform intonation patterns (O'Connor & Arnold system, others available on request):

˘ Sure. I'm ˘sure. ˘ Sure. They're not ˘sure.

3. Candidate to describe the examiner's, then their own, intonation of

It's hard to remember it.

(For example, the examiner might accent the syllables 'hɑ:d and 'mem, with a high prehead on *it's*, a low-rising head on *hard*, and a high-fall nucleus (= tonic) on the second syllable of *remember*. This implies that the tail *-ber it* is low and level.)

4. Candidate to recognize substitutions (performed by the examiner) as follows:

for [ð] in *father* θ z ɖ ʁ
and for [l] in *yellow* ʀ ʔ ɥ t'