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## HJEMMEEKSAMEN 2011 / HØST 1 side

ENG4159 – Accents of English in the British Isles  
Varighet: 3 dager

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Write an essay of not more than 4,000 words on ONE of the following two topics.

1. Write an essay comparing the accents of English of the republic of Ireland, Wales, and the Western Isles of Scotland (e.g. Hebridean), with particular emphasis on the influence of the Irish, Welsh and Scottish Gaelic languages respectively on these accents. In the course of your essay you should explain what is meant by *interference* and *substratum effect*.

OR

2. Explain the structure and function of Wells' standard lexical sets and vowel part-systems in relation to his typology of accents of English, showing how they can be used to systematize the description of systemic and distributional differences between accents. In your answer you should include a discussion of the following Scottish vowel system(s), and refer to examples from AT LEAST TWO other regional accents of English studied in this course.

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	ε (ɛ̃)	ʌ	e (ʌi)		o	(3)
		(v)	ae (vi)	ʌu	ɔ	a (a)

KIT	ɪ	FLEECE	i	NEAR	ir
DRESS	ɛ	FACE	e	SQUARE	er
TRAP	a	PALM	a	START	ar
LOT	ɔ	THOUGHT	ɔ	NORTH	ɔr
STRUT	ʌ	GOAT	o	FORCE	or
FOOT	u	GOOSE	u	CURE	ur
BATH	a	PRICE	ae, ʌi	happY	e, ɪ, i
CLOTH	ɔ	CHOICE	ɔɪ	letter	ər
NURSE	ɜr	MOUTH	ʌu	comma	ʌ