

Degree iii, (English Honours)

Paper – VIII

Section – 2

Subject- Linguistics

Suprasegmental Features

The Tone

- **Level (static)**

On the basis of the level the tone is classified under two heads: a high-level tone and a low-level tone. A high-level tone is marked with a symbol [ˈ] above and in front of the syllable to which it refers:

'Men

'Have

A low-level tone is marked with a symbol [ˌ] below and in front of the syllable to which it refers:

ˌNow

ˌThen

This mark is also used to indicate stress syllables after a rising nucleus.

- **Moving (Kinetic)**

A falling tone is marked with a symbol [˘] in front of the syllable to which it refers. The symbol will be above the line for a high falling tone and below the line for a low falling tone:

\yes, /I\do

\Do\tell

A rising tone is marked with a symbol [ˆ] in front of the syllable to which it refers. The symbol is above the line for a high rising tone and below the line for a low rising tone.

'Can you come?

'Three

A falling rising tone is marked with a symbol [ˇ] above and in front of the syllable to which it refers:

ˆTry

ˆSleep

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