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## **PAKISTANI PRONUNCIATION OF RP VOWELS: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

English, being an international language is widely spoken, and so in Pakistan. The purpose of this paper is to point out how Pakistani speakers of English pronounce the vowel sounds of RP in order to facilitate the Phoneticians, Phonologists, speech pathologists and teachers and students of EFL/ ESL in analysing, synthesising, and inferring information regarding the speech limitations, learning hurdles and speech disorders of Pakistani learners' speech. This research presents all the vowel differences between the native RP speakers and the Pakistani speakers of English not in orthographic forms but through IPA representations in order to ensure exactness of understanding on the part of the readers. Sine Pakistani English is considered a dialect distinct from other dialects in the world (Hasan, 2004) this research presents vowel differences between Pakistani pronunciation of English vowels and those of British English as it is the yardstick to compare any variety of English with (Roach, 2004).