KEY TO PRONUNCIATION

In this dissertation Persian pronunciations are shown by means of the International Phonetic Symbols adopted from the International Phonetic Association.

Voiced Unvoiced
b p
d t
v f
ɡ k
z s ñ
ʒ h
x

PERSIAN FREE VOWELS

There are only 6 free vowels in the classic Persian language, namely the Farsi with which we read Persian without interference of the provincial dialect. They are as under:

1- [i] as in [bid]
2- [e] as in [del]
3- [a] as in [fasl]
4- [a:] as in [baːd]
5- [o] as in [gol]
6- [u] as in [pul]
DIPHTHONGS

The six vowels given above are simply free Persian vowels. There are other voices that are created by the combination of the above vowels, as Persian Diphthongs.

The diphthongs in classic Persian are four in number as under:

1- \([ei]\) as in \([dei]\)

2- \([ow]\) as in \([gowd]\)

3- \([a:i]\) as in \([na:i]\)

4- \([oi]\) as in \([boi]\)