# **APPENDIX 4A. ALPHABETICAL ORDER FOR NAVLIPI**

In this section, we give the "alphabetical order" of NAVLIPI, from a *didactic, pedagogical* (teaching) point of view; i.e. *how the alphabet would be taught or presented in a classroom*.

# ALPHABETICAL ORDER, AS TO BE TAUGHT:

#### **LEGEND**:

- NAVLIPI letters in bold red
- Followed by sequential number in the NAVLIPI alphabet, in blue.

The alphabetical order followed is similar to that followed in the *Indian alphabets* (such as Dewanagari), i.e. *fundamental vowels*, then *derivative vowels*, then *plosives* classified by articulation position in the oral cavity starting from the back of the throat, with each plosive classified into 5 sub-classes according to *unvoiced-unaspirated*, *unvoiced-aspirated*, *voiced-unaspirated*, *voiced-aspirated*, *nasal*, followed then by *approximants* ("semivowels") and finally by *fricatives*.

**NOTE**: The classifications shown, e.g. "Vowels: Fundamental", are for aids in teaching; it is hoped that they would be taught with the alphabet

It is also to be noted that the total number of *phones* in the alphabetical order below is 87, just about twice the number of distinct, *individual letters and symbols* in the NAVLIPI alphabet itself (44). This is because the phones include combinations of letters and/or symbols to represent them, sometimes as many as 3 such individual letters/symbols.

### **Vowels: Fundamental**

- q (1). a (2). aa (3). aa<sub>o</sub> (4).
- i (5).
- u (6).
- **r** (7).
- (8).
- ~ (tilde symbol) (9).

#### **Vowels: Derivative**

- **E** (10). **e** (11).
- **3** (12).
- o (13). Ω (14). o/ (15). o// (16).

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• y (17).

**Plosives: Glottal** 

• **.** (18).

**Plosives: Uvular** 

• k.. (19). n.. (20).

**Plosives: Velar** 

• k (21). kh<sub>o</sub> (22). g (23). gh<sub>o</sub> (24). n<sub>o</sub> (25).

**Plosives: Palatal** 

• c (26). ch<sub>o</sub> (27). l (28). lh<sub>o</sub> (29). η (30).

**Plosives: Retroflex** 

• **t** (31). **th**<sub>0</sub> (32). **đ** (33). **đh**<sub>0</sub> (34). **p** (35).

**Plosives: Alveolar** 

• tt (36). tth<sub>o</sub> (37). dt (38). dth<sub>o</sub> (39). n (40).

Plosives: Alveolar, Pharyngealized ("faucal", as in Arabic)

• tt.. (41). dt.. (42).

**Plosives: Dental** 

• t (43). th<sub>o</sub> (44). d (45). dh<sub>o</sub> (46). n (47).

**Plosives: Bilabial** 

• p (48). ph<sub>o</sub> (49). b (50). bh<sub>o</sub> (51). m (52).

Semivowels ("approximants"); and related taps (flaps)

• j (53). r (54). rr (55). rrr (56). † (57).  $\ell$  (58). I (59). w (60).

**Fricatives: Glottal** 

• h (61).

### Fricatives: Pharyngeal

• h.. (62)

Fricatives: Uvular

• x.. (63). z.. (64)

**Fricatives: Velar** 

• x (65). z (66).

**Fricatives: Retroflex** 

• thφ (67).

Fricatives: Palatal

shφ (68). zhφ (69).

Fricatives: Alveolar

• tth<sub>φ</sub> (70).

Fricatives: Alveolo-Dental

• s (71). z (72).

**Fricatives: Inter-Dental** 

• thφ (73). dhφ (74).

Fricatives: Labio-Dental

• f (75). v (76).

# Most Common, Stand-Alone Phonemic Condensates

• vw (77). xr (78). phs (79).

### Most Common Post-Ops (Post-Positional Operators, placed after phone operated on)

•  $h_o$  (80).  $h_{\phi}$  (81).  $\infty$  (82). 8 (83).  $\sim$  (84).  $\bullet$  (85).  $\bullet$  (86).  $\clubsuit$  (87).