Comparison and Contrast Essays: Short Answer Test

Short Answer: Answer the questions below in complete sentences. Support your answers using evidence from the text.

15 points each (this portion of the test is 60 total points; the parallelism portion is 40 total points)

You are welcome to work in groups of twos or threes. If you choose to do this, write the members of your group under your MLA heading.

Everyone must complete the following work (if you work in a group, everyone must write out the answers).

You must answer four total questions, and three of those MUST be the bolded questions. You choose the fourth question.

Write your answers on notebook paper with MLA heading, centered title, and numbered answers.

1. What is the PURPOSE of Britt’s essay? How do you know?

2. What is the general TONE of Britt’s essay? What words and phrases help you determine that tone?

3. Define GENERALIZATION in your own words and provide an example of a generalization from Britt’s essay.

4. What is the purpose of Barry’s essay? How do you know?

5. How OBJECTIVE is Barry’s portrayal of men and women? What can you INFER about his attitude toward the differences between the sexes?

6. How does Barry set the TONE of this piece from the very first paragraph?