English 28/363 End-of-Semester Reading and Writing Exam

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You have 85 minutes to read and write.

Instructions:

• Carefully read “Always Go to the Funeral” reproduced on the other side of this paper. Be sure to look up any unfamiliar words in your dictionary.
• Then, answer all three of the test questions below in an essay

Questions:

Your essay must answer all three of the following questions:

1. What advice did the father give his daughter? What was her immediate reaction to it? What was her final conclusion?

2. How does the father’s suggestion that people do the right thing even when they don’t really feel like it apply to other situations?

3. Tell about an experience when you or someone you know did or didn’t “do the right thing.” What was the result?

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Instructions:
Carefully read "Group Solutions to Individual Problems" reproduced on the other side of this paper. Some words and phrases have been defined in the margin, but be sure to look up any other unfamiliar words in your dictionary.

Then, plan and write an essay of approximately 450 words that will offer:
  An introduction,
  a thesis statement,
  supporting paragraphs and
  a conclusion.

Your essay must respond back to all three of these following questions/tasks:

1. What spontaneous decision did Rebecca make and how did it affect both her and her community?

2. If you have ever helped organize people to solve a problem, tell the story of what you did and what you could do in the future and what consequences your actions might have.

3. The author suggests that we can "take the lesson of Rebecca's story...and apply it [to] the major issues of our time." Think of one such major issue or problem faced by your neighborhood or school and explain how it could be addressed through community effort.

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Carefully read "Seeing with the Heart". Be sure to look up any unfamiliar words in your dictionary. Then, write your essay of approximately 450 words with an introduction, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion; also make sure it responds to the following:

1. Can you explain what the author Stephanie Disney finds to be a problem with the questions people ask about her relationship to her daughter?

2. Can you describe from your own (or from another's) experience an example of such an encounter?

3. Think back to a time when someone mistakenly assumed something about you or a loved one—for example, regarding ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, educational level, et cetera. Explain whether your reaction was similar to or different from Disney's and why.

Your essay should fully answer all three parts; read each one carefully and plan your answer before you begin.

Good luck.