CeO WRITING ASSESSMENT

In order to serve your academic needs in the future, the CeO staff would like to review a sample of your writing. By providing this example, you’ll be giving us a sense of your strengths and weaknesses as a writer, and which areas you might need to focus on as you work toward graduation. (But don’t worry – this is not a test, and you won’t receive a letter grade.)

Part One – 40 minutes

Assignment: Although Americans pride themselves on their commitment to justice and equality, most of us have had memorable experiences with injustice and inequality – times when we have been denied fair treatment because of our racial or socioeconomic backgrounds, gender, age, sexual orientation, or appearance. Take approximately 40 minutes to write about one such experience for your own life or the life of someone close to you (a family member, for instance, or a friend or neighbor). Describe what happened, why it happened, how it made you feel, and how you chose to respond.

Suggestions/advice: there is no single “right” way to approach this topic. Everyone will do it somewhat differently. Just try to be as thorough and as honest as possible. Given that you’re supposed to write about a personal experience, it is appropriate for you to use the first-person point of view (“I,” “me,” “my”) throughout your essay. If possible, type your response with double-spacing.

Part Two – 15 minutes

Assignment: All of the following sentences contain some common grammar/usage/spelling errors. Correct them by rewriting the sentences in the space provided. Feel free to add or delete punctuation or words, or to break one sentence into two, but try to keep the meaning of the sentence intact.

Wisconsin is a nice state however it’s weather is poor in the winter.

At the party, she laugh a lot, but she was sad when she returned home.

You need to mow you’re lawn the grass is to long.

He asked ‘whats the problem here’?

When you’re finished, email your assessment to shawn.peters@wisc.edu (with “CeO writing assessment” in the subject line) as Word attachment or share as a Google Doc. Please complete by Friday, August 26, 2019.