Student: TYPE NAME OVER THIS Box: ## Assignment Grade: DrRickDoesThis

**Assignment #3**

**Exegetical Idea Exercises**

Directions: Write the subject (what the quote is *about*) and complement (what the quote *says* about this subject) for each of the following statements. The subject should be an *incomplete*, short statement of at least four words describing the major theme of the text but is a sentence fragment without its complement/thrust. Make the complement an *incomplete* sentence also so it completes the sentence begun by the subject. In short, follow a Z1+X+Z2+Y form in a single sentence.

1. I shall not pass through this life but once.

Any good, therefore, that I can do

Or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature,

Let me do it now.

Let me not defer or neglect it,

For I shall not pass this way again.

SUBJECT: **The reason I should do good to others now**

COMPLEMENT: **is because I won’t have the same opportunities again.**

1. America was discovered accidentally by a great seaman who was looking for something else; when discovered, it was not wanted; and most of the exploration for the next 50 years was done in the hope of getting through or around it. America was named after a man who discovered no part of the New World. History is like that, very chancy.

Samuel Elliot Morison

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. Now that the regular first-class postage stamp is advancing to 13c, maybe people will discover the virtues of the 10-cent postcard. Except for purely confidential matters, here is an ideal way to write what you have to say without unnecessary verbiage, and still be gracious about it.

Think: no envelope to lick, no paper to fold, and the temptation to say too much denied. And when you receive it, how the advantages do pile up. The message right before you, easy to get at. No envelope to open and throw away – only one disposal piece. And everything is so aboveboard, so beautifully in keeping with today’s emphasis on openness.

Letter to the Editor, New York Times

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

**Assignment #3 (2 of 3)**

1. A straight-A student may be just as despondent as an academic dunce, a graduate student just as lonely as a freeman. Preliminary findings of a Los Angeles study of college students concludes, “The typical pattern that emerges of the committed suicide is that of a sensitive, lonely, unhappy boy (males outnumber females by about four to one) who may have many acquaintances and even some successes, but who seem to have lacked a close, meaningful relationship. Perhaps the most frequent single comment about this group of suicides is, ‘No one really seemed to know him.’

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and sense enough not to meddle with them while they are doing it.

Teddy Roosevelt

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. Planning to send your new child to your old alma mater? Well, you had better start putting some money away -- $1,860 a year, to be exact. Predicating it upon present costs for a state college, a one-year-old child, 7% inflation, and 5% interest on your savings, it all adds up to a projected $56,160 for four years at State. For a private college, four years’ room, board and tuition – 17 years from now – will add up to a horrendous $98,280.

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. People of great ability do not emerge, as a rule, from the happiest of backgrounds. So far as my own observation goes, I would conclude that ability, although hereditary, is improved by an early measure of adversity and improved again by a later measure of success.

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

**Assignment #3 (3 of 3)**

1. Presidents come and Presidents go, but real power in Washington rarely changes. This is why it would be naive to anticipate Jimmy Carter’s turning the ramshackle of American life back into Columbia the Gem of the Ocean. Despite the press’s myopic obsession with the White House, Presidents still must dance to the music of the power structure encasing them. Although Mr. Carter is new, most of the power centers he must deal with are old, experienced, cunning, entrenched and intractable.

They do not yearn to be born again. They like the country the way it is. And why should they not? America works for them. It has worked successfully for them for a generation and more, through Republican White Houses and Democratic White Houses. Their aim is to keep it working for them.

Among the rest, the old gang is back in good health. The great powers in Washington have long included the South, the suburbs, oil, munitions, big business, big labor, lawyers and the press. All are back as powerful as ever, and most of them are prepared to resist with ferocity any incursions on their power.

New York Times (1976)

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites; they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room, and when you have shut you door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:5-6

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**

1. In order to discover the rules of society best suited to nations, a superior intelligence beholding all the passions of men without experiencing any of them would be needed. This intelligence would have to be wholly unrelated to our nature, while knowing it through and through; its happiness would have to be independent of us, and yet ready to occupy itself with ours; and lastly, it would have, in the march of time, to look forward to a distant glory, and, working in one century be able to enjoy in the next. It would take God to give man laws.

Rousseau

SUBJECT: **The**

COMPLEMENT: **is**