

### ***In Class Essay:***

#### **Prompt 1:**

In “Communication Between Men and Women,” Alex Thio argues that men and women speak in different “genderlects,”<sup>1</sup> often leading to miscommunication. Explain to what extent you agree or disagree with the author. Your essay should have a clearly articulated thesis statement with sufficient supporting details from the text. Adequate use of summary, paraphrase, and quotations from the text is recommended. You may also draw on personal experience/examples to support your thesis.

OR

#### **Prompt 2:**

Thio states that men and women play a different game of proxemics<sup>2</sup> in their interactions often leading to polarity. Explain to what extent you agree or disagree with the author. Your essay should have a clearly articulated thesis statement with sufficient supporting details from the text. Adequate use of summary, paraphrase, and quotations from the text is recommended. You may also draw on personal experience/examples to support your thesis.

Some reflection questions to guide you:

- Does your essay have an introduction with a clearly stated thesis? Do you introduce the author and text?
- Are you creating logic and flow in your paragraphs by looking carefully at passages and focusing your ideas?
- Do you use accurate MLA format for your in-text citations to complement your summaries, paraphrases, or quotes?
- Are you integrating your own ideas with textual evidence?
- Are your paragraphs well developed?
- Is your writing legible?

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<sup>1</sup> *Genderlects* – the different dialects or linguistic styles that reflect the differences between men and women

<sup>2</sup> *Proxemics* – refers to the differences in body language between men and women