

Please complete BOTH parts of the essay described below. The maximum length for both parts together is 1000 words.

**Part 1: *Personal Statement.*** Describe the personal perspective or philosophy that you would bring to your career as a speech-language pathologist. Include specific examples of how your perspective developed and how it would contribute to the field of speech-language pathology. **(200-400 words)**

**Part 2: *Critical Thinking Statement.*** Examine the data in the following graph. The graph shows mean performance for two communicatively disordered groups before and after treatment. Error bars indicate standard deviations. BRIEFLY describe a clinical or research scenario that might have generated these data, including the population treated and the type of treatment. You can refer to an established treatment approach or make one up that is feasible. Then interpret the results as shown in the graph and discuss their potential clinical implications. You have lots of room to be thoughtful and original in your response, as the data could arise in many different scenarios. Your response will be evaluated on the specificity of your analysis and your critical thinking in interpreting the data. **(600-800 words)**

