

B5 Questions

- 1) Describe the general *issue* the essay addresses. Give some background or contextual information. What causes this issue to arise or become important? When did this happen? Who does this issue effect? Why?
- 2) What is the main *claim* of the essay?
- 3) How does the author *support* his/her argument? Be specific. What reasons does the author give for believing the main claim? What examples does the author give that further elaborate on the claim or show the claim to be true? What organizations, individuals, studies, or interviews does the author cite to validate the claim?
- 4) What is *your position* on the issue? Would you make a claim in support of the position? Would you make a counter-claim? Or is the author completely missing what is really at issue, which would allow you to posit a third or alternative position?
- 5) How would *you support* your position? Give at least 3 supporting reasons, examples, or sources.

** B5 questions and will be grading on a 1-5 scale based both on content and level of effort. A 5 counts as 5 check grades, etc. In other words, you lose 5 points if you miss the assignment.