Wild Cards – Essay Three

1. Broken Ankle
2. Your Grandfather (Age 70) Moves In ($1443 a month in Social Security benefits)
3. Home Burglarized – Window Broken, Television and Gaming System Stolen
4. Drive Down the Wrong Road – Need Four New Tires
5. Get into a Serious Disagreement with a Co-Worker
6. Fender Bender – Not Your Fault
7. Best Friend asks to borrow $500
8. Take Classes for a New Hobby at a Crafts Store
9. Find a Five-Year-Old Crying All Alone at a Mall
10. Speeding Ticket (50 mph in a School Zone)
11. Become a volunteer for IDignity.
12. Accidentally Run Over and Utterly Crush your Cell Phone
13. Three College Age Cousins Come to Visit You (and Disney) for a Week
14. Kitchen Fire (No People are Harmed.) But Kitchen Is Unusable
15. Host a Dinner Party for 8 friends (Home or Restaurant)
16. Child Gets 48 Hour Stomach Flu
17. Child Wants to Learn Guitar
18. Child Learning to Ride a Bike
19. Daycare Raising Rates $200 a Month
20. New Pet (Dog or Cat/Caged Rodent/Bird)
21. Agree to Coach Child’s Sports Team
22. Child or You needs Eyeglasses
23. Roof Leaks and Ruins your Bed
24. Inherit your Great-Aunt Amelia’s $5,000 Ruby Ring and twelve-year-old Cat
25. Win a Vespa Sprint 50 in a Local Supermarket Promotion
26. Become a Member of a Weekly Golf, Bridge, or Darts Group

Wild Cards – Essay Four

1. Discover a Crying Baby Left Alone in a Car in a Grocery Parking Lot
2. Sibling Asks Your Advice About Joining the Marines
3. Thyroid Cancer, Doctor Wants to Burn It Out With Radioactive Iodine
4. Called for Jury Duty (3 Day Civil Trial)
5. Offer of New Job with $4500 Raise, but in Sandusky, OH (Moving Expenses Paid)
6. Flat Tire on I-4, on a Tuesday, at 5:17 PM
7. Mice Infest Your Home.
8. Become a Volunteer for Second Harvest Food Bank
9. Your Aunt Asks You to Bail Out Your Uncle Arrested for DUI (Sanford, FL)
10. Win 3 Day Cruise for 2 – Bahamas
11. Brother Wants You to Open a Business (Bakery or Paint Store) with Him
12. Prepare for Oncoming Hurricane
13. Your Company (and thus Your Job) is Relocating to Tampa
14. Great-Aunt Tillie Leaves You Her 2015 Kia Soul and 4000 Family Photographs
15. Child’s Classmate Gets Covid
16. You and Your Child Decide to Learn Piano Together
17. Your Sibling is Getting Married and Asks You to be the Main Attendant
18. Discover That Your Married Boss is Having an Affair with Your Co-Worker.
19. Sibling (Age 18) Moves In (UCF Student who works 20 hours/week for minimum wage at Burger King. Gives you $500 a month toward room and board)
20. Inherit $25,000 on the Death of your Favorite Uncle
21. Significant Other Gets Dream Job in Denver, CO and Asks You to Move Too
22. Go on a Fishing Weekend with Three Friends
23. Consider Going Back to School for a Technology Degree
24. Accidentally Knock Out a Front Tooth when You Trip on some Stairs
25. Find a Stray Cocker Spaniel, Foster Him, and Ultimately Keep Him
26. Join the PTA and Get Elected Treasurer