Personal Essay – modified June 15, 2020

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

Part 1: Personal Statement. Describe one or two character trait(s) or experience(s) that make you particularly suited for, or motivated to pursue, a career as a speech-language pathologist. Make sure to illustrate how this trait/experience will facilitate your career using specific examples. (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. Develop 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 describe the results and their 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 ideas, their appropriateness to the field, and your critical thinking in interpreting the data. (600-800 words)