**Short Answer Test For Relational Dialectics – Chapter 8 – Wood**

**With the movie in mind…you must use three different scenes.**

**Option A:**

Get 90 out of 100 points on the test if you successfully identify **three** different scenes from the movie that exhibit relational dialectics (by their internal or external names).

**Option B:**

To get a perfect score of 100 successfully identify **three** different scenes using **three** different relational dialectics (by their internal or external names).

A complete answer includes separate paragraphs to; 1) set up the scene in the movie including proper identification of the characters and; 2) identification and explanation of the internal or external form (identification of the dialectic tension for one person, and a brief explanation of how you identify the dialectic tension).

**To complete the test…**

Write a two paragraph answer for each dialectic tension. Use a separate page in the blue book for each specific example. You are responsible for correct spelling, grammar, etc.

Follow the example below to construct your answers for the test.

(The first paragraph is a brief description of the scene and the characters from the movie.)

Amanda and Daniel Powers are at home arguing following the birthday party for their son. The argument is about the problems in their marriage. Both are accusing each other of not being capable of listening to the needs of the other person; lack of communication, uncaring, etc. At one point in the conversation Amanda tells Daniel that she wants a divorce.

(The second paragraph is identification and explanation of the relational dialectic.)

The dialectic tension is internal because it is tension within a relationship. The dialectic tension Amanda is experiencing is connection/autonomy. Amanda’s tension is to be married to her husband (connection) and the tension to be divorced from him (autonomy).