**1984 Reading Response Questions: Chapter 4 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Explain the function of the memory holes?
2. The official word is *rectify*, but what word would Winston Smith use?
3. Why was it necessary to rewrite a paragraph of the speech of BB (Big Brother)?
4. What is Ampleforth’s job in the Ministry of Truth?
5. List at least three different jobs that the Records Department did.
6. What kind of information did the Ministry of Truth provide the proletariat?
7. Why does Winston have to change BB’s speech about the FFCC and Withers?
8. Explain Comrade Ogilvy.

***1984*: Chapter 5 Question Sheet**  **Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. What department did Syme belong to and what big project is he working on?
2. What does Syme ask for from Winston?

3. What does Syme say is his chief job with the new edition?

4. Explain how Newspeak can eliminate synonyms and antonyms.

5. How will Newspeak eventually eliminate Thought Crime?

6. How does Syme define *Orthodoxy*?

7. What is Winston convinced will happen to Syme eventually?

8. Why is the Chestnut Tree Café an ill-omened place to hang out?

9. What is ironic about the voluntary donation (subscription) that Winston makes to Parsons?

10. Explain the situation with Parsons’ daughter. Why did she think the guy was a foreigner? What

probably happened to the guy, according to Parsons?

11. What does Winston notice about the news about the chocolate rations?

12. What kind of bug does Winston think most people in the ministries look like?

13. What is comically ironic about Parsons asking for razor blades right after his reaction to the news from the Ministry of Plenty?

14. Who does Winston notice is sitting at the next table?

15. To wear an improper expression on your face is punishable. What is the name of this crime?

16. Why had Parsons’ children set fire to a woman’s skirt before?