<u>I. Hearsay 1</u>: This is the first of a series of assignments dealing with hearsay. **Important:** Read first the chapter by Younger in your reader.

Decide which of the following <u>out-of-court</u> statements would be excluded as evidence by the hearsay rule. The person making the statement is NOT in court but his or her utterance is offered by <u>a third person who is the witness</u>. Give the legal reason for any answer that is not hearsay (e.g. "the utterance is used to show *hearer's state of mind*").

- 1. *Issue*: Whether X might have entered into an improper agreement with Y. X's statement to Y: "If you give me \$60, I'll write your term paper for you."
- 2. *Issue*: Whether a fire had broken out in the movie theatre. X's statement: There's a fire out in the lobby.
- 3. *Issue*: That X did not know the hour of the final exam. X asked Y: "What time is the final exam?"
- 4. *Issue*: Had X promised Y a lifetime of bliss and of joy?

 X's statement to Y, the day after their wedding: "I never promised you an easy life."
- 5. *Issue*: Had X used vulgar language in speaking to Y? X's statement to Y: "You're just a f---ing bitch."
- 6. *Issue*: Had X committed himself to have dinner with Y? X's statement to Y: "I invite you to have dinner with me tonight."
- 7. *Issue*: Was the marriage between the King and Queen ever consummated? The Queen's statement: "The King and I never slept together as husband and wife."
- 8. *Issue*: To show that X is psychic. X's statement: "There will be a major earthquake in 6 months."
- 9. *Issue*: To prove that X's brakes were faulty.

 X's statement on leaving the house that morning: "My brakes are bad."
- 10. *Issue*: Whether X was responsible for causing a panic in the movie theatre. X's statement: There's a fire out in the lobby.
- 11. *Issue:* Whether Y had been told that her grandmother had died.

 X's statement to Y: "I'm sorry to have to tell you that your grandmother died this morning."
- 12. *Issue*: Whether the Queen had ever gained consciousness following a cerebral hemorrhage. <u>The Queen's statement:</u> "The King and I never slept together as husband and wife."
- 13. *Issue*: Had X promised Y a lifetime of bliss and of joy?

 X's statement to Y, the day after their wedding: "I promise to make you eternally happy."

- 14. *Issue*: Whether X believed that his brakes were faulty. X's statement on leaving the house that morning: "My brakes are bad."
- 15. *Issue:* To claim that there was a fire in the lobby of the movie theatre. X's statement: "There's a fire out in the lobby.