Name _____

Protest Methods Analysis Answer Key

Part 1: Method Match-Up (Sample Responses)

Protest Method	Type (N/V)	Effectiveness Explanation
1. Montgomery Bus Boycott	N	Highly effective—led to a Supreme Court ruling that desegregated buses and inspired other nonviolent actions.
2. Lunch Counter Sit-ins	N	Effective—these forced businesses to reconsider segregation due to bad publicity and financial losses.
3. Freedom Rides	N	Effective—highlighted illegal segregation and led to federal enforcement of desegregation in interstate travel.
4. Urban Riots (e.g., Watts Riots)	V	Mixed effectiveness—drew attention to systemic issues, but also sparked backlash and fear.
5. March on Washington (1963)	N	Very effective—peaceful, massive turnout helped lead to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
6. Police confrontations during protests	V (when initiated violently by either side)	Often counterproductive—while media coverage sometimes helped, violence could shift public opinion negatively.

Part 2: Scenario Analysis (Sample Responses)

1. *I would choose the sit-in because it directly targets the business and is a powerful form of peaceful resistance.*

2. *A sit-in is nonviolent. It challenges segregation without provoking physical conflict.*

3. *Risks include arrest or physical attack. Benefits include media attention and pressuring the business through peaceful means.*