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a)  $\mu_S$  represents the average fuel consumption of car S.  $\sigma_S^2$  represents the variance of the fuel consumption of car S.  $\mu_H$  represents the average fuel consumption of car H.  $\sigma_H^2$  represents the variance of the fuel consumption of car H.

b) The confidence interval for  $\sigma_S$  is from 8.265159 to 15.87378. The confidence interval for  $\sigma_H$  is from 5.844078 to 11.22394. I think  $\sigma_S$  does not equal to  $\sigma_H$ . This is because there is almost no coincidence or overlap for these two intervals. To be specific, the lower bound of the confidence interval for  $\sigma_S$  is 8.265159, but the upper bound of the confidence interval for  $\sigma_H$  is 11.22394. Their difference is just  $11.22394 - 8.265159 = 2.9588$ , which shows that the overlap area between these two intervals is not large.

c) The confidence interval is between -2.872319 and 9.178219.

d) The confidence interval is between -2.680554 and 8.986454.