Gatsby Essay questions 50 points total

SHORT ANSWER CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE:

In the novel, The Great Gatsby, there are numerous ambiguities and contradictions. Choose 1 of the following quotes to explain thoroughly. In your analysis, cite the subtle, or not so subtle converse relationship. Be sure to include enough background so that the reader knows what is going on, as well as the significance and/or importance to the characters involved. (10 points)

a. (chapter 1) When Nick says, “I drove over to East Egg to see two old friends whom I scarcely knew at all.”

b. (Chapter 1) When Nick says “I was conscious of wanting to look squarely at everyone and yet to avoid all eyes.”

c. (chapter 1) When Nick says “their interest rather touched me and made them less remotely rich – nevertheless, I was confused and a little disgusted as I drove away.”

EXTENDED RESPONSE:

Choose 2 of the following to write a well explained essay to completely address the question. Include text evidence to strengthen your response. Remember to use proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and mechanics. (20 points each)

a. Why does Nick state that, “I am one of the few honest people that I have ever known.”

b. What does Gatsby mean when he says, “Can’t repeat the past?…Why of course you can!”

c. Explain what Fitzgerald achieved by using Nick's point of view to tell Gatsby's story?

d. Is Fitzgerald ultimately a true cynic, or a true optimist? Explain