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English III – *The Great Gatsby*

Chapter 7 Discussion Questions

1. What does the temperature add to Fitzgerald's story in this chapter?

2. Why does Gatsby view Daisy’s child, Pammy, with surprise?

3. What is the significance of Daisy’s statement, “What are we going to do with the rest of our lives?”

4. What is significant about the inaccuracy of Tom’s statement regarding the sun?

5. Jordan says Daisy's voice has a “hint of seductiveness.” Contrast the reactions of Nick and Gatsby to

Daisy's voice.

6. What is ironic about Tom saying that he has second sight?

7. What comparison is made between Wilson and Tom?

8. Why is Nick so pleased with Gatsby’s honesty about Oxford?

9. Why does Tom refer to the liaison between Daisy and Gatsby in terms of inter-racial marriage?

10. Why does Tom’s defense of family life and traditional values amuse Nick? How does this assertion cement Tom’s characteristics?

11. What is the “alien but recognizable” look that comes over Gatsby’s face several times in this chapter?

12. What is significant about Nick realizing it is his 30th birthday?

13. Why does Tom insist that Daisy and Gatsby drive home together?

14. What is Nick’s attitude toward Gatsby now?

15. Why are Daisy and Tom reconciled?

16. Why is Gatsby left standing outside the mansion “watching over” nothing? Go with more than “Tom

and Daisy are reconciled.” Consider his status from the beginning of the book: how was his isolation

inevitable?

17. How does Nick react when he realizes Gatsby’s innocence?