**English 9 and Honors English 9 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**FOUCS QUESTION: “Gift of the Magi” 25 points**

**Focus Question: O’Henry calls Della and Jim “foolish,” but he also says, “These two were of the wisest.” Explain.**

**Answer Plan**

1. Turn the question into a statement. *Example: Della and Jim, “In Gift of the Magi” could be considered, but to many they are wise.* (Sentence Block 1)
2. Explain your statement above with details. (Sentence Block 2)
3. Support with an example (direct quote) from the text. Find something in the book to support your point. “Your quote will go between quote marks” (Connell). (Sentence Block 3)
4. Explain the quote and its relevance. (Sentence Block 4)
5. Tie your paragraph up with a conclusion sentence. (Sentence Block 5)

***Your 5 boxes will all flow together and sound like a complete paragraph when done. You will have at least one complete sentence for each box.***

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