**Accelerated English 12. Mrs. Boggio Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Focus Questions**

**Directions: Answer the nine following questions in complete sentences on a separate piece(s) of paper. 2 points per box/10 pts. Per question= 40 points total.**

**Each answer/each box should flow to the next and if read completely sound like one paragraph.**

**Focus Question #1**

What do we learn in the exposition of the novel? How might the information we learn in the exposition be useful in our reading of the novel?

**Answer Plan**

1. Restate the question to introduce the answer. (Sentence Block 1)
2. Respond with your answer to the question. (Sentence Block 2)
3. Support with an example (direct quote) from the text. (Sentence Block 3)
4. Explain the quote and its relevance. (Sentence Block 4)
5. Conclude by giving your opinion. You might want to give an opinion about what happened to Tea Cake (Sentence Block 5)

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**Focus Question #2**

The author introduces symbolism—a tree to stand for Janie’s life. Identify and explain the use of this symbolism.

**Answer Plan**

1. Restate the question to introduce the answer. (Sentence Block 1)
2. Respond with your answer to the question. (Sentence Block 2)
3. Support with an example (direct quote) from the text. (Sentence Block 3)
4. Explain the quote and its relevance. (Sentence Block 4)
5. Conclude by giving your opinion. You might want to give an opinion about what happened to Tea Cake (Sentence Block 5)

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**Focus Question #3**

Janie seems to be interested in running off with Joe Starks. What is holding her back?” (“The memory of Nanny was still powerful and strong. p. 29.) What changed her mind? (See pages 31-33, Janie’s “conversation” with Logan and her thinking after that.

**Answer Plan**

1. Restate the question to introduce the answer. (Sentence Block 1)
2. Respond with your answer to the question. (Sentence Block 2)
3. Support with an example (direct quote) from the text. (Sentence Block 3)
4. Explain the quote and its relevance. (Sentence Block 4)
5. Conclude by giving your opinion. You might want to give an opinion about what happened to Tea Cake (Sentence Block 5)

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**Focus Question #4**

What does Janie mean by the following dialogue from the end of Chapter 6 (p. 75)?

“Sometimes God gits familiar wid us womenfolks too and talks His inside business. He told me how surprised he was ‘bout y’all turning out to be smart after Him making yuh different; and how surprised y’all is goin’ tuh be if you ever find out you don’t know half as much as you think you do. It’s so easy to make yo’self out God Almighty when you ain’y got nothin’ to strain against but women and chickens.”

**Answer Plan**

1. Restate the question to introduce the answer. (Sentence Block 1)
2. Respond with your answer to the question. (Sentence Block 2)
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