

Question 3

(Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts for one-third of the total essay section score.)

The following quote is from Daisy Buchanan, a character from Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Read the quote carefully. Then write an essay that examines and explains Daisy's meaning in this quote. Use appropriate evidence to support your argument.

"It'll show you how I've gotten to feel about — things. Well, she was less than an hour old and Tom was God knows where. I woke up out of the ether with an utterly abandoned feeling, and asked the nurse right away if it was a boy or a girl. She told me it was a girl, and so I turned my head away and wept. 'all right,' I said, 'I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool — that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool.'"

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