The Great Gatsby comprehension test V

<u>You have only 80 minutes!</u>

Vocabulary:

Look for these words in chapter IX. Pay attention to the context and explain their meaning.

1. adventitious
2. pasquinade
3. surmise
4. deranged
5. superfluous
6. ulster
7. elocution
8. addenda
9. interminable
10. lustreless

Complete the sentences using the following words:
complacent, incoherent, pander, transitory, commensurate, orgastic

11. Nick muses that the first Dutch sailors experienced a _____ moment of pure enchantment when they first looked upon the untouched American continent.
12. In his final night, Nick looks at Gatsby's empty mansion and views it as a huge, _____ failure—a grand house that no longer makes sense without its owner or its parties.
13. Gatsby's father believed his son's immense brain power and success were _____ with the grand future that lay ahead of him had he lived.
14. In the final lines of the novel, Nick describes the _____ future that Gatsby believed in—a dream of ultimate bliss that continually slips away from us.
15. Nick describes his hometown in the Midwest as a place where families stay for generations, making him feel a little _____ compared to the chaotic, changing life of the East.
16. Nick felt a wave of scorn for the hundreds of guests who used to _____ to Gatsby for his lavish hospitality, only to completely abandon him when it came time for his funeral.

Comprehension and reflection questions

17. What does Nick discover when he calls Daisy after Gatsby's death?

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18. Why does Klipspringer call Nick?

19. What does Henry C. Gatz show Nick from Gatsby's childhood?

20. What reason does Meyer Wolfsheim give for refusing to attend the funeral?

21. Which former party guest attends Gatsby's funeral?

22. When Nick looks for friends or family of Gatsby, what does he find?

23. What does Nick conclude this story has really been about?

24. Do you consider Gatsby to be a "self-made man"? Is he a good portrayal of achieving the American Dream?

25. How does "The Great Gatsby" relate to current society?

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