

**"Winter Dreams" by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Open-Book Test**

**Short Answer** Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. Early in "Winter Dreams," Mr. Jones declares that Dexter is the best caddy at the club. This is an example of what kind of characterization? Why?

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2. In "Winter Dreams," as a teenager, Dexter is especially fond of the fall. Why do you think Dexter loves the fall so much? Use the cluster diagram below to help you organize your answer by writing words and phrases from the story that describe Dexter's reaction to the fall. On the lines below, summarize in your own words Dexter's overall feeling about the fall.



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3. During Dexter Green's first meeting with Judy in "Winter Dreams," she comes close to beating her nurse. Dexter convinces himself that Judy would have been justified in striking her. What does this incident tell the reader about Dexter? How does he feel about Judy?

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4. In "Winter Dreams," shortly after meeting Judy Jones for the first time, Dexter abruptly decides to quit his job as a caddy. What enduring character trait of Dexter's is revealed by this decision?

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5. In "Winter Dreams," while Dexter is playing golf, Judy Jones rudely hits into his foursome without adequate warning and hits Mr. Hedrick with her golf shot. The reader learns that her "glance fell casually on each of the men—then scanned the fairway for her ball." What can the reader infer about Judy's character from this incident?

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6. How does Fitzgerald portray Judy as a young woman in "Winter Dreams"? We know that Dexter thinks she is beautiful, but what else do we know about her? Cite at least two details from the story to support your answer.

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7. In "Winter Dreams," after getting nowhere with his passion for Judy Jones, Dexter decides to marry Irene Scheerer even though his feelings for her are not as passionate as those he harbors for Judy. What is it about Irene that leads him to make this choice?

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8. At the end of "Winter Dreams," Dexter weeps when he hears that Judy's beauty and allure have faded away. What inference can be drawn about Dexter from his reaction?

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9. When Dexter is close to announcing his engagement to Irene Scheerer, he runs into Judy and she proposes marriage to him. Why do you think she proposes marriage at this point when she has rebuffed and frustrated Dexter in the past? Support your answer with details from the "Winter Dreams."

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