Directions: For each required response, answer with completeness, accuracy, organization, and specific details from the book! Place your well-written answers on your notebook paper. Scoring of responses will be as follows: 5=excellent 4=above average 3= average 2=deficient 1-0=failing. Total Point Value = 15pts (includes Gifted Hands assignment)

Group A: Choose one.
1. From what point of view is this story told. How would the story differ if it was told from a different point of view? Select a passage from the book that would be drastically different if told from someone else’s point of view? Pick that person and explain what HE OR SHE would be saying.

2. What role does Algernon play in this story? How might the story be different if Algernon were not there? What is your favorite Algernon scene in the book? Why did the author end the book with Charlie’s post script “please if you get a change put some flowers on Algernon’s grave in the back yard.”

3. Is the title of the book appropriate? Why or Why not? Select an event from the book to justify your response. If you feel it is not appropriate, what title would you have given it and why?

Group B: Choose one.
4. What general truth about life (theme) was Daniel Keyes expressing through this book Flowers for Algernon? Remember, in order to determine the theme, examine what the main character went through and the outcome of his/her trials and tribulations. What was the author trying to tell us? (This book has several smaller themes or lessons and some smaller ones.)

5. Why is it ironic that Charlie knows/understands his condition before the surgery? What other examples of irony can you identify in the novel? Remember: there are three types of irony (verbal, dramatic, and situational). Look up the different types of irony if you are not familiar with irony.

6. Foreshadowing is a literary device where an author gives hints as to what is further to come. Identify at least two examples of foreshadowing in the novel. Explain how it was foreshadowed early on and what ended up happening later in the novel.

7. Symbolism Symbols are objects, characters, figures, or colors used to represent abstract ideas or concepts. Consider these: Algernon, flowers for Algernon, the story of Adam and Eve, the window, the rabbit’s foot, the maze, the inkblots, the progress reports themselves….OTHERS?
*Gifted Hands*: Choose one of these topics listed below and compose a five paragraph essay to demonstrate that you read *Gifted Hands*. Be sure to include numerous specific details from the book in each body paragraph. Let the topic you choose guide your thesis of the essay. For example: Ben Carson encountered racial prejudice throughout his life, but he was determined to never react to it. See scoring information from the *Flowers for Algernon* assignment.

- Setting Career Goals/Striving for excellence
- Anger Management
- Religious Beliefs
- Study Habits/Reading
- Racial Prejudice
- Importance of Teachers
- Parental Tough Love
- Personal Integrity- belief in one’s own abilities