**Timed Essay Plan Sheet**

Write a timed extended response responding to the following prompt: Determine two or more themes of *Our Town* and explain how they are developed over the course of the play.

**Intro:** Begin by recording thesis statement below. Then, think of the upside-down triangle as a strategy for composing the rest of the intro. The thesis is the narrow point; broaden out a little to begin and then lead to that point.

**Thesis Statement:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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[Example: *Our Town* explores two themes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (theme one) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (theme two), which are developed through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (first way developed) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (second way developed).]

1. Body Paragraph 1 Focus/Topic Sentence
2. Evidence 1 – Use page references in parentheses as appropriate
   1. Commentary/interpretation
   2. Commentary/interpretation
3. Evidence 2
   1. Commentary/interpretation
   2. Commentary/interpretation
4. Evidence 3
5. Commentary/interpretation
6. Commentary/interpretation
7. Body Paragraph 2 Focus/Topic Sentence
8. Evidence 1
   1. Commentary/interpretation
   2. Commentary/interpretation
9. Evidence 2
   1. Commentary/interpretation
   2. Commentary/interpretation
10. Evidence 3
11. Commentary/interpretation
12. Commentary/interpretation

Conclusion – Restate thesis in different words; emphasize significance