

Classics Quick Check

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. Why doesn't Scrooge know what day it is?
  - (A) because he woke up so late
  - B because he does not have a calendar in his home
  - © because the ringing church bells have disoriented him
  - D because he has been traveling through time with the spirits
- 2. Which of the following events happens first?
  - A Scrooge has dinner at his nephew Fred's house.
  - Scrooge gives Bob Cratchit a raise.
  - © Scrooge wakes up in his own bed and time.
  - ⑤ Scrooge speaks with a passing boy in the street.
- 3. What is a farthing?
  - (A) a person
  - B a coin
  - © a turkey
  - ① an apology

- **4.** Why does Scrooge growl at Bob Cratchit when he arrives late to work?
  - A because it is part of a prankScrooge is playing on Cratchit
  - B because Scrooge is angry at Cratchit for being so lazy
  - © because Cratchit did not thank him for the turkey
  - D because Cratchit reveals that his family calls Scrooge an ogre
- **5.** Which of Scrooge's actions show that he is a changed man?
  - (A) He folds his bed curtains.
  - B He buys a prize turkey for the Cratchit's Christmas dinner.
  - © He looks out the window on Christmas morning.
  - ① He shaves and dresses neatly.



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- **6.** What is the author's purpose for Scrooge in this part of the story?
  - (A) to show him the final unhappy end of his miserly ways
  - B to use him to help other, more deserving characters
  - (b) to give him a second chance to live a good life
  - ① to bring him to the conclusion of this tragic story
- **7.** Why does Scrooge say he is "quite a baby"?
  - A because only babies believe in ghosts
  - B because it is the beginning of his new life
  - © because his face is wet with tears from crying
  - D because everyone feels like a baby on Christmas Day
- **8.** What does the word **blithe** mean?
  - (A) poor
  - B hungry
  - © blind
  - (I) cheerful

- **9.** What does Scrooge most likely whisper into the old gentleman's ear?
  - A He promises to give the man a lot of money for the poor.
  - B He tells the man that he never plans on giving him money.
  - © He describes to the man the visits of all three spirits.
  - ① He invites the man to lunch with him.
- **10.** The events in this part of the story can best be described as the \_\_\_\_\_ to Scrooge's adventure.
  - (A) resolution
  - ® rising action
  - © climax
  - (D) introduction





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- 11. Extended Response: Is it surprising that the author chose to end with Tiny Tim instead of Scrooge? Why do you think the author ended the story with the focus on Tiny Tim?
- 12. Extended Response: Write a response that identifies at least one narrator opinion and one character opinion from the text. Then, describe how you know the difference between narrator and character opinion.

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## Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. © Sequence Events
- 3. (B) Vocabulary
- **4.** (A) Cause and Effect
- 5. (B) Analyze Character
- **6.** (C) Author's Purpose
- 7. B Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 8. (D) Vocabulary
- **9.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **10.** (A) Analyze Plot
- 11. Answers will vary. Sample response: It is surprising that the ending focuses on Tiny Tim because Scrooge is the main character of the story, and all of the book has been focused on him before. I think the author chose to end with Tiny Tim's blessing because Tiny Tim is like an angel—he was and is everything good—and he represents what is right and true in people. Scrooge had to learn about this side of humanity, and the theme of the book was all about valuing the qualities that Tiny Time expresses at the end. That's why the author chose to end with Tim's words.

**12.** Answers will vary. Students will identify opinions from the text, such as the following: Scrooge saying he shall love the knocker as long as he lives, Scrooge thinking Fred's servant is a nice girl, the narrator saying it is a mercy Fred didn't shake Scrooge's arm off, the narrator saying that Scrooge became as good a friend or man as anyone in the world, and so on. Then, students will explain how they can tell the difference between the narrator's opinion and the character's. For instance, character opinions are expressed through their dialogue or thoughts, while the narrator's opinions are expressed by observing the characters and their actions.