

Classics Quick Check

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

- **1.** Why does the Ghost of Christmas Past visit Scrooge?
 - A because Marley's Ghost forced him to
 - B to show Scrooge how he has changed
 - © because Scrooge wants to relive his past
 - to show Scrooge what future events might occur
- 2. What is the tone, or mood, in the beginning of this part?
 - (A) violent and frightening
 - **B** silly and sentimental
 - (C) dark and gloomy
 - D loving and festive
- **3.** Where is young Scrooge when little Fan comes to see him?
 - (A) at home
 - (B) at school
 - (C) at an office
 - ① at a Christmas party

- **4.** What important event happens before Scrooge begins to visit his past?
 - (A) The Ghost of Christmas Past draws aside Scrooge's bed curtains and looks down at him.
 - B Scrooge's schoolmaster gives him cake and wine for the road.
 - © Scrooge's sister comes to bring him good tidings about their father.
 - ① The Ghost of Christmas Past reminds Scrooge that his sister had one child before she died.
- **5.** What effect does the sight of his old school have on Scrooge?
 - (A) It causes him to laugh.
 - B It causes him to try to hide.
 - (1) It causes him to become angry.
 - ① It causes him to cry.



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- 6. Based on details in the story, how had Scrooge's father changed?
 - A He switched jobs.
 - (B) He became kinder.
 - (C) His health declined.
 - ① He became wealthy.
- 7. Read this sentence from page 6:

 "It wore a tunic of the purest
 white, and round its waist was
 bound a lustrous belt, the sheen
 of which was beautiful." Which
 two words in the sentence help
 the reader understand the
 meaning of the word lustrous?
 - (A) wore and tunic
 - (B) white and round
 - (C) waist and bound
 - ① sheen and beautiful

- **8.** What does the Ghost's flowing light symbolize?
 - A the need to ignore the events of the past
 - B the energetic and glowing character of the Ghost
 - (1) the power to change past events and alter the present
 - ① the understanding that the past can bring to the present
- **9.** What is the most significant way Scrooge changes during this part of the story?
 - (A) He grows old quickly.
 - **B** His memory improves.
 - (C) He begins to show regret.
 - ① He realizes that ghosts are real.



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- **10.** Which word is a synonym for **preposterous**?
 - (A) ignored

 - © purposeful
 - ① unreasonable
- 11. Extended Response: What do you think Scrooge's relationship with his father was like when he was young? Write a response and justify your answer with details from the text.
- 12. Extended Response: Write a paragraph that explores how Scrooge's confusion about the time at the beginning of this part of the story contributes to a main theme of the story.

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- 1. B Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. (C) Analyze Setting
- 3. (B) Story Elements: Setting
- 4. A Sequence Events
- **5**. (D) Cause and Effect
- **6.** (B) Analyze Character
- 7. (D) Vocabulary
- 8. (D) Story Elements: Theme
- 9. (C) Analyze Character
- **10**. D Vocabulary

- 11. Answers will vary. Answers will address the idea that Scrooge's father was probably mean to Scrooge when he was young and made their home life miserable before sending Scrooge away to school. Responses will include details such as Fan telling Scrooge, "Father is so much kinder than he used to be, that home's like Heaven!" Answers will then draw a conclusion from this information, such as Scrooge's relationship with his father being very bad when he was young.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample response:
 Scrooge's confusion about time at the beginning of this part of the story supports the central theme that time is a mysterious and powerful force. It foreshadows the Ghost of Christmas Past taking him back in time, and indicates that time will be a very important element in the story.

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