

Classics Quick Check

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

- 1. How is Scrooge's reaction to the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come different from his response to the earlier ghosts?
 - A Scrooge fights the Ghost and refuses to follow it.
 - B Scrooge finds the Ghost sillier than the earlier phantoms.
 - © Scrooge follows the Ghost wherever it leads him.
 - ⑤ Scrooge fears the Ghost more than any of the previous specters.
- **2.** Which word is a synonym for **trivial**?
 - (A) silent
 - ® stolen
 - © impolite
 - ① unimportant

- 3. How does the revelation of the body on the bed build upon earlier scenes in the story?
 - A The earlier scenes show that Scrooge is afraid of this person on the bed, making the final scene more powerful.
 - B The earlier scenes create a light and merry Christmas mood, making the revelation more surprising by contrast.
 - © The earlier scenes all discuss the death of an unknown person, implying that this body is the person in question.
 - ① The earlier scenes focus attention on other matters, making the revelation shocking to the reader and Scrooge.



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- **4.** Why does the charwoman go to the beetling shop?
 - A to buy things from the dead man
 - B to sell things from the dead man
 - © to visit her rich business associates
 - ① to see the Ghost of the Future
- **5.** What is the mood of the scene in the beetling shop?
 - (A) serious and soothing
 - B bright and cheery
 - (1) dark and unsettling
 - (I) silly and festive
- **6.** Which of the following word pairs are synonyms that are used in the text?
 - (A) latent and laden
 - (B) plunder and spoil
 - (C) appraised and recoiled
 - gallantry and excrescence

- 7. How does overhearing the merchants' conversations affect Scrooge?
 - A It angers him because he thinks the merchants are being disrespectful of him.
 - B It confuses him because he doesn't understand how the conversations are connected to him.
 - © It makes him miss his friends because he was very close to some of these men.
 - ① It persuades him to change his ways because he realizes that they are talking about his death.
- 8. How do the minor characters feel about the unnamed man's death?
 - (A) They mourn his passing.
 - (B) They wish he were still alive.
 - ① They are afraid they will die, too.
 - ① They don't care that he is dead.



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- 9. Based on the story, which word best describes the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come?
 - (A) mysterious
 - (B) sentimental
 - © lighthearted
 - ① undependable
- **10.** Which of the following details from the text expresses a character's opinion?
 - (A) The people Scrooge sees cannot see him.
 - B People are taking objects from a dead man's house.
 - © Scrooge thinks he and the dead man are alike in some ways.
 - ① The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come does not speak to Scrooge.

- 11. Extended Response: Write a response that explains how the author builds suspense in this part of the story. Then describe your conclusions about the body at the conclusion.
- 12. Extended Response: How would you describe the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come? Why do you think the author chose to make the final ghost have these characteristics? Support your answer with details from the text.



Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- **1.** ① Compare and Contrast
- 3. (C) Text Structure
- 4. (B) Cause and Effect
- 5. (C) Analyze Setting
- **6.** (B) Vocabulary
- 7. (B) Cause and Effect
- **8.** (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 9. A Analyze Character
- **10**. ① Fact or Opinion

- 11. Answers will vary, but should describe details that increase the suspense, such as the following: the Ghost is very quiet, frightening, and ominous; the story moves from one dark setting to another; the people in the story are all talking about a man who has died; the part ends with a frightening body under a sheet; and so on. Answers will conclude with the student's theories about the body at the end, such as that it belongs to Scrooge.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample response: The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come is silent and threatening. It never talks, but only points to show Scrooge what to do. Its face is so shrouded in a black cloak that no one can see it. A shadow surrounds it. I think the author made the Ghost silent and threatening to make it scarier and more mysterious. This ghost represents the future, which is unknown and therefore often scary and mysterious. Also, this Ghost sets a dark tone for the ending, which needs to be intense so Scrooge can see that his current ways will lead to an awful end.

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