

Classics Quick Check

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

- **1.** What important event happens first in this part of the story?
  - A The Ghost takes Scrooge to see Belle's husband and children.
  - B Scrooge observes the moment he broke off his engagement with Belle.
  - © The Ghost takes Scrooge to the warehouse where he was apprenticed.
  - ⑤ Scrooge returns to his bedroom and falls into a heavy sleep.
- 2. Which two words best describe Scrooge when he worked for Mr. Fezziwig?
  - (A) greedy and unpleasant
  - (B) friendly and sociable
  - (C) mature and elderly
  - (II) tired and bored
- 3. What are aspirations?
  - (A) children
  - (B) drinks
  - (C) parties
  - (I) wishes

- **4.** How is the scene of Belle's family different from the other events the Ghost of Christmas Past shows Scrooge?
  - A It is happy, and the other scenes are sad.
  - B It is less realistic than the other scenes.
  - © It does not involve Scrooge's personal past.
  - ① It did not actually happen.
- **5.** Why does Belle break her engagement to Scrooge?
  - A because she wants to marry someone else
  - B because she is mad at Scrooge for lying to her
  - © because Scrooge is often impatient with her
  - D because Scrooge loves money more than he loves her
- **6.** What is the mood of the scene at Fezziwig's dance?
  - (A) jubilant
  - B terrifying
  - © dreary
  - ① serious



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- **7.** Which word has a meaning similar to the word *greed?* 
  - (A) avarice
  - (B) brood
  - © reproach
  - ① tumult
- **8.** Why does Scrooge try to force the cap onto the Ghost's head?
  - A to break the Ghost's power over him
  - (B) to kill the Ghost
  - ① to change the past
  - ① to control where the Ghost takes him next
- **9.** What lesson does the author develop in this part of the story?
  - (A) Everyone feels sad sometimes.
  - B People can change the past.
  - (1) Money doesn't buy happiness.
  - ① Ghosts are a dangerous fantasy.

- **10.** Why does the Ghost bring Scrooge to see Belle and her happy family?
  - (A) to convince Scrooge that he needs to change his past
  - B to show Scrooge what he missed with Belle because of his greed
  - © to ask Scrooge to provide financial support to Belle and her family
  - ① to prove to Scrooge that he was lucky he didn't marry Belle
- 11. Extended Response: On page 10, Belle says to Scrooge, "You fear the world too much." Write a paragraph explaining what she means by this statement and describe whether or not you agree with her assessment of his character.
- 12. Extended Response: How does learning about Scrooge's past develop his character and affect your opinion of him? Write a response that uses evidence from the text to support your answer.



## Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. © Sequence Events
- 2. B Analyze Character
- 3. D Vocabulary
- **4.** ① Compare and Contrast
- **5.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **6.** (A) Story Elements
- 7. (A) Vocabulary
- **8.** (A) Cause and Effect
- 9. (C) Author's Purpose
- **10.** (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

- 11. Answers will vary. Sample response: Belle thinks Scrooge is so afraid of being poor that he has focused his life on making money to escape poverty. In doing so, he has abandoned their youthful hopes of friendship, marriage, family, and other simple pleasures of life. Out of his fear, he seeks to protect himself with money, but to do so, he is sacrificing all that is good in life.
- 12. Answers will vary, but should cite evidence from the text to describe what students learned about Scrooge's character in this part. For example, students could indicate that they learned Scrooge was kinder when he was young, that he was once in love, that the love of money soon took over his life, and that he is feeling regret for some of the choices he made. Answers will also indicate how this information affects the student's opinion of Scrooge. For example: At first, I thought he was a bad, greedy person. Learning more about Scrooge's past made me feel sorry for him instead of simply disliking him.

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