

Classics Quick Check

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

- 1. Why does Martha hide in the closet?
  - A She wants to surprise her father.

  - © She needs to change into her Christmas clothes.
  - ⑤ She is playing a game with her little brothers and sisters.
- 2. Which word means felt great joy?
  - (A) lamented

  - © kenned
  - (D) exalted
- 3. How does Scrooge feel when the Ghost quotes Scrooge's own words about Tiny Tim back to him?
  - (A) Scrooge is confused about what the Ghost means.
  - B Scrooge is afraid the Cratchits will hear them talking.
  - © Scrooge is proud that the Ghost agrees with him.
  - ⑤ Scrooge is ashamed that he had said such things.

- 4. Why does Bob Cratchit call Scrooge "the Founder of the Feast"?
  - A because Scrooge found the goose
  - B because Mrs. Cratchit dislikes Scrooge
  - © because Scrooge pays Bob Cratchit's wages
  - D because Bob Cratchit knowsScrooge is listening
- **5.** What is the atmosphere of the scene where the Cratchit family is having dinner?
  - (A) loving and joyful
  - B sad and gloomy
  - (1) thoughtful and serious
  - ① suspenseful and scary



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- **6.** Which of the following sentences from the text expresses an opinion?
  - A The pudding was out of the copper.
  - B Scrooge was the Ogre of the family.
  - © The children drank the toast after her.
- 7. The Ghost and Scrooge leaving the Cratchit's house and stepping into the snowy street is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this part of the story.
  - (A) introduction
  - **B** rising action
  - © falling action
  - (I) climax
- **8.** Which word describes something that appears to be everywhere?
  - (A) bustle

  - © scanty
  - ① ubiquitous

- **9.** Which of the following characters openly criticizes Scrooge?
  - (A) Bob Cratchit
  - (B) Mrs. Cratchit
  - © Tiny Tim
  - (D) Martha
- **10.** How does the change of setting from the Cratchits' home to the streets of London affect the mood of the story?
  - (A) It creates a cold, dark mood by focusing on the snow and streets outside in winter.
  - B It increases a jolly mood by showing many people celebrating and enjoying Christmas.
  - © It contributes to a whimsical mood by describing attractively dressed young women.
  - It introduces a pessimistic mood by describing a lonely lamplighter doing his job.





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- **11. Extended Response:** Write a summary of this part of *A Christmas Carol.*
- 12. Extended Response: What lesson do you think the Ghost hopes Scrooge will learn from visiting the Cratchit family? Write a response that justifies your answer with details from the text.

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## Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (A) Cause and Effect
- **2. B** Vocabulary
- 3. (D) Analyze Character
- **4.** (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** Analyze Setting
- 6. (B) Fact or Opinion
- 7. (C) Analyze Plot
- 8. (D) Vocabulary
- **9.** B Story Elements: Identify Characters
- **10.** B Analyze Setting

- **11.** Answers will vary. Accept any reasonable summary that captures the main events of this part of the story in the correct order.
- 12. Sample response: The Ghost takes
  Scrooge to visit the Cratchit family to
  show him the love and warmth that the
  Cratchits all share, even though they don't
  have much money. For example, they
  give each other hugs and compliments.
  They joke with each other, make sure
  to share, and like to surprise each other.
  The Ghost wants Scrooge to realize that
  money doesn't bring happiness or other
  important things in life.

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