

Classics Quick Check

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

- **1.** Which of the following happens first?
 - A Scrooge joins in a game at his nephew's home.
 - B A boy and a girl emerge from under the Spirit's robe.
 - © The Ghost takes Scrooge to a place where miners live.
 - ⑤ Scrooge travels far out to sea with the Ghost.
- 2. How does the change of setting to Fred's home affect the mood?
 - A It creates more tension because Scrooge does not like his nephew.
 - B It lightens the mood because the people there are happy and festive.
 - © The mood becomes ridiculous because the young people are acting silly.
 - ① The mood stays the same because it is Christmas in both settings.

- **3.** Which of the following words describes something that is sticking out?
 - (A) abject
 - B meagre
 - © protruding
 - ① provoking
- **4.** How does Fred feel about his Uncle Scrooge?
 - (A) He hates him.
 - B He feels sorry for him.
 - (1) He is jealous of his uncle's wealth.
 - ① He is offended that his uncle never visits.
- **5.** How does Scrooge change after viewing Fred's party?
 - A He decides to never go to another party.
 - B He becomes more melancholy.
 - © He starts to distrust the Ghost.
 - ① He becomes light of heart.



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- **6.** Which of the following sentences reveals the narrator's opinion of events?
 - (A) It was a great surprise to Scrooge, while thus engaged, to hear a hearty laugh.
 - B He answered that a bachelor was a wretched outcast, who had no right to express an opinion on the subject.
 - © While there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good-humour.
 - ① To the secret joy of Scrooge's nephew, she beat her sisters hollow.
- **7.** Which word means having a sincere or serious state of mind?
 - (A) degradation
 - (B) earnest
 - © ignorance
 - D prostrate

- **8.** What important lesson is the author presenting in this part of the story?
 - A Miners have the best possible job.
 - B Christmas is about fellowship and joy.
 - © Ghosts are necessary to society.
 - Saving money is more important than everything else.
- **9.** Why does the Ghost of Christmas Present age so quickly?
 - A The present is scared of the future and trying to get away.
 - B Good feelings aren't strong and must quickly fade.
 - © Christmas is a holiday about getting older.
 - ① The present is fleeting and quickly gone.



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- **10.** Based on this part of the story, readers could conclude that
 - A Scrooge is becoming more compassionate
 - B the Ghost of Christmas Present will reappear
 - © people who are out at sea will visit Scrooge
 - ① the boy and girl are major characters in the story
- 11. Extended Response: Write a response that explains the significance of the boy and girl that appear from under the Ghost's robe and then describes how they affect Scrooge.
- 12. Extended Response: Write an essay that compares the different settings presented in this part of the story. Then, explain why the Ghost takes Scrooge to so many different places.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. © Sequence Events
- 2.

 B Analyze Setting
- 3. (C) Vocabulary
- **4. B** Analyze Character
- **5.** (D) Analyze Character
- **6.** (C) Character Point of View
- 7. B Vocabulary
- 8. (B) Author's Purpose
- 9. (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **10.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

- 11. Sample Response: The boy and girl represent the horrible fate of those who are poor and lack care. Although Scrooge used to think that poor people belonged in prisons and workhouses, now Scrooge is horrified and wonders why no one helps them.
- 12. Answers will vary, but should describe similarities and differences between the various settings: the moor, the modest hut, the lighthouse, the ship, Fred's home, and the many places visited after the party. The main similarity is that the people are cheerful in their celebration of Christmas. Differences can include the number of people, the physical landscape, indoor versus outdoors, the temperature, and so on. Answers will conclude with the student's opinion on why the Ghost forces Scrooge to observe so many different places.

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