

Classics Quick Check

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

- 1. Which sentence from the text best supports a theme from the story?
 - (A) "Seven years dead," mused Scrooge.
 - (B) "I wear the chain I forged in life," replied the Ghost.
 - (1) "On the wings of the wind," replied the Ghost.
 - ① "I don't know," said Scrooge.
- 2. Based on this passage, readers could conclude that Marley's Ghost wants to ______.
 - A help Scrooge avoid his own fate
 - B warm himself in front of Scrooge's fire
 - © scare Scrooge to death
 - ① switch places with Scrooge

- **3.** What effect does the setting have on the events in the story?
 - (A) The lifelike setting makes the events appear more realistic.
 - B The humorous setting makes the events seem even funnier.
 - © The gloomy setting makes the events appear scarier.
 - ① The joyful setting makes the events seem more uplifting.
- **4.** Which of the following sets of words are synonyms?
 - (A) apparition and spectre
 - **B** ponderous and remorse
 - (C) fettered and mortal
 - (1) wretched and incredulous
- 5. Based on the story, which two words best describe Marley's Ghost?
 - (A) dishonest and greedy
 - **B** lazy and ridiculous
 - (C) dangerous and tricky
 - (D) miserable and exhausted



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- **6.** Which event causes Scrooge to believe that Marley's Ghost is real?
 - (A) the sound of dragging chains
 - B the Ghost's transparent body
 - (1) the Ghost's death-cold eyes
 - ① the Ghost's jaw dropping down
- 7. Why does Marley's Ghost suffer most at Christmas time?
 - A It is the coldest time of year, and he is freezing.
 - B It is when he might have most helped the poor.
 - ① His chain is heavier at Christmastime.
 - ① He misses his family and friends the most at that time.
- **8.** What does the word **lamentation** mean?
 - (A) large or heavy
 - **B** mistreated or oppressed
 - © a feeling of grief or disappointment
 - (I) extremely bad or unpleasant

- **9.** Which of the following events is part of the rising action of this part?
 - (A) Scrooge lights his candle.

 - © Scrooge enters his house and locks the door.
 - ① Scrooge falls asleep.
- **10.** Which sentence from the text best builds suspense?
 - (A) And being much in need of repose, went straight to bed, without undressing, and fell asleep on the instant.
 - B Up Scrooge went, not caring a button for that.
 - © He heard the noise much louder on the floors below; then coming up the stairs; then coming straight towards his door.
 - ⑤ Scrooge was not much in the habit of cracking jokes.





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- 11. Extended Response: Write a response that answers the following questions. How does Scrooge change during this part of the story? Is this a good or a bad change for his character?
- **12. Extended Response:** Identify an important symbol in this passage and write a response that explains how it contributes to the theme of the story.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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

 B Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 8. (Ĉ) Vocabulary
- 9. B Analyze Plot
- **10.** (C) Text Structure

- 11. Answers will vary, but will include a description of Scrooge's change from disbelief to belief, and from arrogance to a humbler attitude. Answers will then evaluate whether the change was beneficial, and justify this response with details from the text.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample response:

 Marley's chain is an important symbol in the story. It symbolizes his life of business and money. This symbol contributes to the theme by showing that money is not the meaning of life, but helping others is.

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