

Classics Quick Check

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

- 1. What does the young man mean on page 8 when he tells his wife, "We may sleep tonight with light hearts"?
 - (A) They will go to bed early and sleep late the next morning.
 - B They are still in love and do not need money to be happy.
 - © They can sleep easily because they didn't eat too much for dinner.
 - ① They no longer need to worry about the money they owed.
- **2.** Which of the following events happens last?
 - (A) Scrooge is in a dark room with the dead man.
 - B Scrooge sees the dead man's grave in a churchyard.
 - © Scrooge sees the Cratchit family at their house.
 - ⑤ Scrooge does not see his future self in his office.

- **3.** Which word is a synonym for avarice?
 - (A) death
 - B delay
 - © greed
 - (I) work
- **4.** Based on this part of the story, readers could conclude that
 - A Scrooge and his nephew have much in common
 - B Scrooge does not want to die unloved and unhappy
 - (1) the Ghost took Scrooge many years into the future
 - ① memories of Tiny Tim make the Cratchits very merry



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- **5.** What is the author's purpose for showing Scrooge's change of heart?
 - A to inform readers about ghosts and spirits
 - B to persuade readers to be kind and generous
 - © to explain how some people die
 - ① to scare readers with an entertaining ghost story
- **6.** Scrooge tells the Ghost of the future that he will change by _____.
 - A focusing on the future more than on the past or present
 - B being a better person and honoring Christmas from now on
 - (1) talking to Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim more often
 - ① feeling more fear and respect for future Christmases

- **7.** What happens after Scrooge grabs the Ghost's hand?
 - (A) The Ghost vanishes.
 - ® Scrooge dies.
 - © Scrooge wakes from a dream.
 - ① The future becomes the present.
- **8.** Which of the following quotations from the story is an opinion?
 - A Still the Ghost pointed with an unmoved finger to the head.
 - ® Nothing is past hope, if such a miracle has happened.
 - © The mother and her daughters were engaged in sewing.
 - ① Scrooge hastened to the window of his office, and looked in.



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- **9.** Which word means to make a serious effort to achieve something?
 - (A) beseech
 - B repress
 - © strive
 - ① tarry
- **10.** Which word best describes the future setting that is shown to Scrooge in this part of the story?
 - (A) depressing

 - (C) humorous
 - (D) interesting
- 11. Extended Response: Write a paragraph that describes the mood of this part of the story and explains how the author creates this mood through the setting, characters, and dialogue. Then, describe how the story would have to change to create a different mood.

12. Extended Response: On page 16, Scrooge speaks to the Ghost. In your own words, describe what Scrooge is talking about, and then explain why this is important to Scrooge and what it reveals about his character.



Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. B Sequence Events
- 3. (C) Vocabulary
- **4.** (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** (B) Author's Purpose
- 6. (B) Analyze Character
- 7. A Sequence Events
- 8. (B) Fact or Opinion
- 9. © Vocabulary
- **10.** (A) Analyze Setting
- 11. Answers will vary, but should indicate that the mood is dark, suspenseful, grim, or other feelings along those lines. Answers will support this description with details such as the following: the rooms that Scrooge visits are dark and cold, Scrooge is clearly frightened when he speaks to the spirit, the Ghost is haunting in its silence and black cloak, most of the characters are speaking about a dead man, Scrooge visits a graveyard, and so on. Answers will conclude with the student's description of how story events would have to change to create a different mood for this part.

12. Answers will vary. Sample response: Scrooge wants to know if what the Ghost is showing him of the future ("the shadows") will really happen ("will be") or just might happen ("May be, only"). Scrooge wonders whether his future is set regardless of what he chooses to do. This is important to him because, at this point in the story, Scrooge has decided he wants to change his ways, and he wants to know that he can make a better future than what he is seeing in these shadows. This conversation shows that Scrooge has already changed in his heart and mind, and now he wants to change the way he lives.