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SELECTION TEST

A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley, Act I

a drama based on the novella by Charles Dickens

Comprehension

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 1. Which of the following pieces of information does Jacob Marley reveal about Ebenezer Scrooge at the opening of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley, Act I*?
- a. Scrooge often gives money to the poor.
 - b. Scrooge was a good friend to Marley.
 - c. Scrooge likes cold, dark winter days.
 - d. Scrooge is a solitary, miserly man.
- _____ 2. According to Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, why does Scrooge object to having people enjoy Christmas?
- a. He believes that Christmas is for children and that adults should not celebrate it.
 - b. He cares only for making money and considers Christmas an interruption.
 - c. He feels sad at Christmas because Marley died on Christmas Eve.
 - d. He actually enjoys Christmas and only pretends to dislike it.
- _____ 3. When Scrooge goes home from work in Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, which actions show that he is uneasy? Choose **three** options.
- a. He checks each of the rooms.
 - b. He trims his candle as he walks.
 - c. He looks under the sofa and table.
 - d. He eats only a bowl of gruel for his dinner.
 - e. He thinks he sees Marley's face in the pictures.
 - f. He threatens a boy who is singing a Christmas song.

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- _____ 4. Near the end of Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, Scrooge sees himself as a child at school. What is revealed about his childhood in this scene?
- a. He was alone and lonely.
 - b. He was terrified of ghosts.
 - c. He cared only about money.
 - d. He was his teacher's favorite student.
- _____ 5. Why does Marley visit Scrooge in his rooms in Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*? Choose **two** options.
- a. to ask Scrooge what has been happening at Scrooge and Marley's
 - b. to see Scrooge again and have a nice chat about old times
 - c. to inform Scrooge that the Three Spirits will haunt him
 - d. to beg Scrooge to help save Marley from his doom
 - e. to rescue Scrooge from sharing Marley's own fate

Concept Vocabulary

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 6. Which of the following words **best** describes the mood of a person who feels *morose*?
- a. bored
 - b. gloomy
 - c. cheerful
 - d. thoughtful
- _____ 7. Which of the following is the **best** example of *covetous* behavior?
- a. Jorge cheered when Caleb won an award for the best science essay in the class.
 - b. Ling gazed out the window and daydreamed about traveling to exotic places.
 - c. Alissa desperately wanted a guitar like the one that Jordan always played.
 - d. Jonathan baked a pie and invited all his friends over to have a slice.



- _____ 8. Which phrase **best** describes someone who is *resolute*?
- a. timid and shy
 - b. daring and bold
 - c. firm and unwavering
 - d. hesitant and uncertain

Analyze the Text

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 9. In Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, Scrooge's nephew calls Scrooge "impossible" for behaving in a cold and unkind manner. Bob Cratchit replies, "Oh, mind him not, sir. He's getting on in years, and he's alone. He's noticed your visit. I'll wager your visit has warmed him." What does this comment **most likely** suggest about Cratchit?
- a. He fears Scrooge and plans to find a new job.
 - b. He understands Scrooge and feels sorry for him.
 - c. He cares for the elderly Scrooge so he will inherit Scrooge's firm.
 - d. He defends Scrooge's behavior, hoping that Scrooge will pay him more.

- _____ 10. Read the following speech from Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*.

Marley. I wear the chain I forged in life. I made it link by link, and yard by yard. Is its pattern strange to *you*? Or would you know, you, Scrooge, the weight and length of the strong coil you bear yourself? It was full as heavy and long as this, seven Christmas Eves ago. You have labored on it, since. It is a ponderous chain.

Which of the following **best** explains Marley's meaning?

- a. He means that Scrooge always carries his money around on his person.
- b. He means that Scrooge's obsession with profit has ruined his character.
- c. He means that Scrooge deserves to be in prison for illegal business practices.
- d. He means that Scrooge's oppression of people who owe him money is an unfair burden.



11. The following question has two parts. Answer Part A first, and then Part B.

_____ **Part A** Which statement **most accurately** summarizes what the audience learns about Scrooge after his four visions with the Ghost of Christmas Past?

- a. Scrooge was not a grumpy miser his entire life.
- b. Scrooge had a close relationship with his family.
- c. Even as a child, Scrooge had an obsession with money.
- d. From an early age, Scrooge isolated himself from others.

_____ **Part B** Which quotation from Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. **Past.** The schoolroom is not quite deserted. A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.
- b. **Fan.** [Father] spoke so gently to me one dear night when I was going to bed that I was not afraid to ask him once more if you might come home. . . .
- c. **Young Scrooge.** If ever I own a firm of my own, I shall treat my apprentices with the same dignity and the same grace.
- d. **Man.** There is nothing on which [the world] is so hard as poverty; and there is nothing it professes to condemn with such severity as the pursuit of wealth!



12. The following question has two parts. Answer Part A first, and then Part B.

_____ **Part A** In Act I of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, how does Scrooge feel after revisiting the Fezziwigs' Christmas party?

- a. He resents Past for making him relive a painful memory.
- b. He puzzles over Past's reasons for showing him the party.
- c. He is sorry that he has been ungenerous toward Bob Cratchit.
- d. He wonders what became of Dick Wilkins, his fellow apprentice.

_____ **Part B** Which of the following quotations **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. **Scrooge.** Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart; it's Fezziwig, alive again!
- b. [Ebenezer *dances with all three of the daughters, as does* Dick. *They compete for the daughters, happily, in the dance.*]
- c. [Scrooge *and the* Ghost of Christmas Past *stand alone now. The music is gone.*]
- d. **Scrooge.** I should like to be able to say a word or two to my clerk just now! That's all!