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SELECTION TEST ➤ **from *A Christmas Carol***

Charles Dickens

Comprehension

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 1. In the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*, where is the Cratchit family when Bob Cratchit proposes a toast?
- a. standing by the doorway
 - b. seated at the dinner table
 - c. gathered around the hearth
 - d. gathered around the Christmas tree
- _____ 2. In the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*, what do the cups the family uses suggest about the Cratchit family?
- a. They suggest that the Cratchits value tradition.
 - b. They suggest that the Cratchits have little money.
 - c. They suggest that the Cratchits dislike golden goblets.
 - d. They suggest that the Cratchits do not care about fashion.
- _____ 3. In the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*, what casts a “dark shadow” for the Cratchits over the party?
- a. the lack of money and food
 - b. the mention of Mr. Scrooge
 - c. the possibility of Tiny Tim’s death
 - d. the disagreement between Bob and Mrs. Cratchit
- _____ 4. In the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*, what is Bob trying to do for Master Peter?
- a. help him do better in school
 - b. tell him a joke to cheer him up
 - c. find him a job that pays good money
 - d. show him how to solve a tough problem

Quotations taken from Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol: A Story*, Chapman & Hall, 1843.



Concept Vocabulary

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 5. When is someone **most likely** to feel *penitence*?
- a. after visiting a friend
 - b. after winning an award
 - c. after waking from a long nap
 - d. after hurting someone's feelings
- _____ 6. Which of these **best** describes a *rebuke*?
- a. a plea for help
 - b. a harsh criticism
 - c. a statement of fact
 - d. a philosophical argument
- _____ 7. When is someone's voice **most likely** to be *plaintive*?
- a. at a party
 - b. at a funeral
 - c. at a museum
 - d. at a workplace

Analyze the Text

DIRECTIONS: Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- _____ 8. Based on the interactions between Scrooge and the Ghost in the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*, what message is the Ghost **most likely** implying to Scrooge?
- a. that Tiny Tim's fate is dependent on chance
 - b. that Tiny Tim will inevitably die of his ailment
 - c. that Scrooge can change the future for Tiny Tim
 - d. that Scrooge should not worry about Tiny Tim's future



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

_____ **Part A** Which phrase **best** describes a side of Bob Cratchit revealed in the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*?

- a. strict and disciplined
- b. clever and insightful
- c. playful and witty
- d. respectful and forgiving

_____ **Part B** Which sentence from the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol* **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one; and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass.
- b. Bob held his withered little hand in his, as if he loved the child, and wished to keep him by his side, and dreaded that he might be taken from him.
- c. "Mr. Scrooge!" said Bob; "I'll give you Mr. Scrooge, the Founder of the Feast!"
- d. Bob Cratchit told them how he had a situation in his eye for Master Peter. ...



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

_____ **Part A** How do the Cratchits respond to their situation in the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol*?

- a. They enjoy their lives together in spite of their poverty.
- b. They are unhappy with their lives because of Mr. Scrooge.
- c. They are pleased to be more secure after years of struggles.
- d. They try to maintain a positive attitude for Tiny Tim's sake.

_____ **Part B** Which sentence from the excerpt from *A Christmas Carol* **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, meaning half a one; and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass.
- b. These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily.
- c. Bob held his withered little hand in his, as if he loved the child, and wished to keep him by his side, and dreaded that he might be taken from him.
- d. "It should be Christmas Day, I am sure," said she, "on which one drinks the health of such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man as Mr. Scrooge."