

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. A difference between Scrooge and Mr. Fezziwig is
 - A. Scrooge is fat, and Fezziwig was thin.
 - B. Scrooge is a business owner, and Fezziwig was not.
 - C. Fezziwig treated his employees to a Christmas party, and Scrooge does not.
 - D. after their deaths, Fezziwig is doomed to walk the earth in chains, and Scrooge is not.
2. Change Requires _____.
 - A. Wholeness.
 - B. Fortitude.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Action.
3. Fan was
 - A. The wife of Scrooge's boss, Mr. Fezziwig.
 - B. Scrooge's sister.
 - C. Scrooge's first girlfriend.
 - D. His nephew's wife.
4. In the sentence above, the author implies that
 - A. Scrooge is too cheap to heat his office properly.
 - B. Scrooge says lots of funny things to entertain his employee.
 - C. the clerk is a terrible, disrespectful employee.
 - D. the clerk is really bad at keeping a fire going.
5. Jacob Marley is
 - A. Scrooge's dead business partner.
 - B. Scrooge's dead nephew.
 - C. Scrooge's superhero alter-ego.
 - D. the nephew who has just invited Scrooge to Christmas dinner.

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6. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order in which they appear in the novel.

1. Scrooge refuses to donate money to the poor for Christmas.
2. Scrooge sees the ghost of his ex-business partner, who warns him that three spirits will be coming to visit him.
3. Scrooge turns down an offer from his nephew to attend Christmas dinner.
4. The Ghost of Christmas Past shows Scrooge a happy Christmas when he worked for Fezziwig.
5. The Ghost of Christmas Past shows Scrooge his lonely Christmases as a child.

- A. 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
- B. 1, 3, 2, 4, 5
- C. 3, 1, 2, 5, 4
- D. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5

7. The clerk in the tank involuntarily applauded: becoming immediately sensible of the *impropriety*, he poked the fire, and extinguished the last frail spark for ever.

In the sentence above, the word *impropriety* most closely means

- A. about to go out.
- B. coldness.
- C. inappropriateness.
- D. loudness.

8. The setting of *A Christmas Carol* is

- A. London, England, in the mid-1800s.
- B. London, England, in the present day.
- C. New York, New York, in the middle ages.
- D. New York, New York, in the mid-90s.

9. When Marley's Ghost says "Mankind was my business," he means that

- A. he was too nosy when he was alive, and should have stayed out of other people's business.
- B. he was good at making money because he paid attention to the needs of his customers.
- C. he should have focused more on helping others while he was alive.
- D. he should have been a reporter, as he was good at observing people.

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10. Which of the following quotes from Scrooge does not illustrate the effort Scrooge is making to change his attitude?
- A. "Is that the chance and hope you mentioned, Jacob?' he demanded, in a faltering voice... 'I - I think I'd rather not.'"
 - B. "No. I should like to be able to say a word or two to my clerk just now! That's all."
 - C. "The happiness (Fezziwig) gives, is quite as great as if it cost a fortune."
 - D. "There was a boy singing a Christmas Carol at my door last night. I should like to have given him something: that's all."

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. ... (the Ghost of Christmas Present) opened its capacious palm, and floated on, outpouring, with a generous hand, its bright and harmless *mirth* on everything within its reach!

In the sentence above, the word *mirth* most closely means

- A. Filth.
 - B. Joy.
 - C. Poison.
 - D. Prank.
2. ...they stood in the city streets on Christmas morning, where (for the weather was severe) the people made a rough, but brisk and not unpleasant kind of music, in scraping the snow from the pavement in front of their dwellings, and from the tops of their houses: whence it was mad delight to the boys to see it come plumping down into the road below, and splitting into artificial little snow-storms.

Using the introductory paragraph above, the author sets the tone for Scrooge's journey with the Ghost of Christmas Present. The tone of this section might best be described as

- A. Cold.
 - B. Frightening.
 - C. Joyful.
 - D. Snowy.
3. Based upon what you have learned about Scrooge's past, the best word to describe his life would be
- A. Joyful.
 - B. Lonely.
 - C. Mournful.
 - D. Poor.

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4. Belle broke her engagement with Scrooge because
 - A. She thought he cared more about money than for her.
 - B. She fell in love with someone more handsome.
 - C. She didn't think he would be rich enough to support her.
 - D. She caught him cheating on her with another girl.

5. Bob Cratchit is
 - A. Scrooge's employee.
 - B. Scrooge's ex-girlfriend's husband.
 - C. Scrooge's former boss.
 - D. Scrooge's nephew.

6. In the sentence, "Scrooge hung his head to hear his own words quoted by the Spirit, and was overcome with *penitence* and grief," the best synonym for the word *penitence* would be
 - A. Love.
 - B. Pride.
 - C. Regret.
 - D. Sorrow.

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 - A. Bernard Evslin.
 - B. Charles Dickens.
 - C. John Steinbeck.
 - D. Louis Sachar.

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8. Place the events from the novel in chronological order:
1. Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present visit his nephew's house.
 2. Scrooge and the Ghost visit the Cratchit family for the first time.
 3. Scrooge is introduced to a boy and girl representing Ignorance and Want.
 4. The Ghost of Christmas Past shows the night when Belle broke off her engagement to Scrooge.
 5. the Ghost of Christmas Present tells Scrooge that Tiny Tim will not survive long.
- A. 2, 5, 4, 1, 3
B. 2, 5, 4, 3, 1
C. 4, 1, 2, 5, 1
D. 4, 2, 5, 1, 3
9. The Ghost of Christmas Present most closely resembles
- A. The grim reaper.
B. Scrooge.
C. Santa Claus.
D. A happy child.
10. When Scrooge asks the Spirit why Ignorance and Want have nowhere to go, the Spirit answers
- A. That they are his most precious children, and they live always with the Spirit of Christmas.
B. That they are necessary to remind Mankind of its cruelty.
C. That they must come and live with Scrooge.
D. With Scrooge's own words: "Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?"

Final Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. “And Scrooge said often afterwards, that of all the *blithe* sounds he had ever heard, those were the blithest in his ears.”

In the sentence above, the word *blithe* most closely means

- A. Bleeding.
 - B. Happy.
 - C. Loud.
 - D. Musical.
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 - 2. Scrooge is visited by the Ghost of Christmas Present.
 - 3. Scrooge is visited by the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come.
 - 4. Scrooge is visited by the Ghost of Jacob Marley.
 - 5. Scrooge spends Christmas with his family.
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10. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come most closely resembles
- A. A New Year's baby.
 - B. Santa Claus.
 - C. Scrooge as an elderly man.
 - D. The Grim Reaper.

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11. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge
- A. A modern Christmas, with electric lights.
 - B. His large and well-attended funeral.
 - C. How people will talk about him after he dies.
 - D. Tiny Tim as a bitter and angry old man.
12. The setting of *A Christmas Carol* is
- A. London, England, in the mid-1800s.
 - B. London, England, in the present day.
 - C. New York, New York, in the 1700s.
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14. When Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning,
- A. He decides to spend the day working in a soup kitchen.
 - B. He finds himself married to Belle, with a big happy family.
 - C. He says "Bah, Humbug," and goes to work as usual.
 - D. He sends the biggest turkey he can find to the Cratchit family.
15. Which of the following quotes from Scrooge does not illustrate the effort Scrooge is making to change his attitude?
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Answer Key

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1. C
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. A

Week 2

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. C
10. D

Week 3

1. B
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. D
11. C
12. A
13. C
14. D
15. A