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**SELECTION TEST**

## ***A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley, Act II***

a drama based on the novella by Charles Dickens

### **Comprehension**

**DIRECTIONS:** Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is Scrooge's **first** reaction when he sees Cratchit's family in Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*?
- a. He is touched to see Cratchit offering a toast to him.
  - b. He thinks that Cratchit has too many children.
  - c. He refuses to believe that the family is real.
  - d. He is afraid that Tiny Tim will not live.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, what are the two women and the man selling to Old Joe?
- a. items that Scrooge gave them as charity
  - b. items that Cratchit gave them after Scrooge died
  - c. items that they stole from Scrooge's rooms after he died
  - d. items that they had once given to Scrooge to repay their debts to him
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How do the Cratchits respond to the death of Tiny Tim in Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*?
- a. They blame Scrooge because they could not afford to get a good doctor.
  - b. They blame one another for not taking enough care of Tiny Tim.
  - c. They are unable to function because of their grief over Tiny Tim.
  - d. They do their best to comfort one another and move forward.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The final scene of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* takes place on the day after Christmas. When Bob Cratchit arrives late to work that morning, how does Scrooge respond?
- He pretends to be angry but then sends Cratchit out to get both of them something to eat.
  - He pretends to be angry but then promises to pay Cratchit more money for his work.
  - He tells Cratchit about the visit of the Three Spirits.
  - He threatens to fire Cratchit right then and there.

### Concept Vocabulary

**DIRECTIONS:** Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following **best** describes a plan that has been *altered*?
- The plan has been changed in significant ways.
  - The plan has been set in place for a long time.
  - The plan has been made public.
  - The plan has been carried out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which is the **best** example of someone speaking in *earnest*?
- Brad pretended that school was closed to see whether he could trick anyone.
  - Miriam exaggerated when she said the wind had nearly knocked her down.
  - Consuelo politely praised the movie even though she didn't enjoy it.
  - Dan apologized sincerely for the trouble he had accidentally caused.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In which circumstance is it **most accurate** to describe a rumor as *dispelled*?
- when people have kept the rumor from those involved
  - when people have shared the rumor with others
  - when the rumor has been proven untrue
  - when the rumor upsets those involved



### Analyze the Text

**DIRECTIONS:** Identify the choice that best answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Scrooge meets the Ghost of Christmas Present in Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*. Which of the following statements that Scrooge makes to Present shows **most clearly** that Scrooge has begun to change?
- a. **Scrooge.** Hello. How should I call you?
  - b. **Scrooge.** I'm afraid I've not. Have you had many brothers, Spirit?
  - c. **Scrooge.** A tremendous family to provide for!
  - d. **Scrooge.** Tonight, if you have aught to teach me, let me profit by it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What do these lines from Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* reveal about Scrooge?
- Present.** This is the home of your employee, Mr. Scrooge. Don't you know it?
- Scrooge.** Do you mean Cratchit, Spirit? Do you mean this is Cratchit's home?
- a. Scrooge is trying to annoy the Spirit.
  - b. Scrooge has a poor memory for places.
  - c. Scrooge has forgotten his employee's name.
  - d. Scrooge has never visited the Cratchits' home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. In Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, which of these statements from the Ghost of Christmas Present **most likely** means that Scrooge's actions can affect the outcome of events?
- a. **Present.** I would say that he gets the pleasure of his family. . . .
  - b. **Present.** I see a vacant seat . . . in the poor chimney corner, and a crutch without an owner. . . .
  - c. **Present.** If these shadows remain unaltered by the future, the child will die.
  - d. **Present.** Save your breath, Mr. Scrooge. You can't be seen or heard.



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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part A** In Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*, how does the First Woman, Old Joe's talkative customer, feel about Scrooge?

- a. She pities him for having died alone and friendless.
- b. She thinks that he was a mean and terrible person.
- c. She is afraid that his ghost will haunt her.
- d. She admires him for his wealth.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part B** Which of these statements from the First Woman **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. **First Woman.** What odds then? What odds, Mrs. Dilber? Every person has a right to take care of themselves.
- b. **First Woman.** Who's the worse for the loss of a few things like these? Not a dead man, I suppose?
- c. **First Woman.** If he wanted to keep 'em after he was dead, the wicked old screw, why wasn't he natural in his lifetime?
- d. **First Woman.** Whose else's do you think? He isn't likely to catch cold without 'em, I daresay.



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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part A** Read the following excerpt from Act II of *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*.

**Scrooge.** A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow! than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary and endeavor to assist your struggling family. . . . Make up the fires and buy another coal scuttle before you dot another i, Bob. . . . We need warmth and cheer, Bob Cratchit!

Which of the following **best** describes how Bob Cratchit feels when Scrooge says these things?

- a. Cratchit is bitter and resentful.
- b. Cratchit is puzzled and confused.
- c. Cratchit is delighted but shocked.
- d. Cratchit is frightened but relieved.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part B** Which of the following quotations from the play script **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. [. . . Cratchit . . . *enters, head down, full of guilt. Cratchit starts writing almost before he sits.*]
- b. **Bob.** I am very sorry, sir. I *am* behind my time.
- c. **Bob.** I was making rather merry yesterday and into the night . . .
- d. [Bob Cratchit *stands, smiles at Scrooge; Bob Cratchit faints.*]