

SHORT ANSWER STUDY QUESTIONS *A Christmas Carol*

Stave 1 Marley's Ghost

1. Who was Marley? What was his condition at the beginning of the story?
2. What is the setting of the story?
3. One of Scrooge's relatives visited him at his warehouse. Who was it, and what did he want? What was Scrooge's reply?
4. What did the other men who came to the warehouse want? What was Scrooge's reply to them?
5. What did Scrooge say about giving his clerk a day off to celebrate Christmas?
6. What happened to the door knocker when Scrooge was opening his door?
7. Who appeared to Scrooge? What did he tell Scrooge?
8. This visitor told Scrooge about some other visitors who would be coming. Who were they? When would they come?
9. What did Scrooge do after his visitor left?

Stave Two The First of the Three Spirits

1. What did Scrooge notice about the church chimes when he woke up? What did he think had happened?
2. Describe what the first Spirit looked like. Who was the first Spirit? What was its purpose?
3. Scrooge asked the Spirit what business brought him there. What was the Spirit's answer?
4. Describe the first scene Scrooge and the Spirit visited. How did Scrooge feel about what he saw?
5. Who was Fan? Describe the scene with her.
6. Describe the scene at Fezziwig's warehouse. What did Scrooge say to the Ghost about the scene?
7. Describe the scenes with Belle.
8. How did Scrooge try to get rid of the Ghost? What happened?

Stave Three The Second of the Three Spirits

1. How did Scrooge find the second Spirit?
2. Describe the scene when Scrooge found the second Spirit.
3. Who was the second Spirit? Describe him.
4. Describe the first place they went.
5. What was the second place they visited?
6. Who was Tiny Tim? What did Scrooge ask the Ghost about Tiny Tim? What was the Ghost's reply?
7. Describe the Cratchit family's toast to Scrooge.
8. What were some of the other places the Ghost took Scrooge? What did Scrooge find at each place?
9. What did Scrooge's nephew and nieces say about him?
10. What did Scrooge think about when he heard the harp music?
11. What did Scrooge do while his nephew and the others were playing games?
12. Describe the "Yes and No" game. What was the subject of the game?

13. How did Scrooge feel by the time he and the Spirit left his nephew's house?
14. What happened to the way the Ghost and Scrooge looked as the night went on?
15. Who were the two children the Ghost had under its robe? What did the Spirit tell Scrooge about them?
16. What was the Spirit's reply to Scrooge's question: "Have they no refuge or resource?"

Stave 4 The Last of the Spirits

1. How did Scrooge feel about the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come?
2. What did the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come look like?
3. Where did Scrooge and the Spirit go first?
4. What were the business men talking about?
5. What was Scrooge's attitude about being with the third Spirit?
6. Where did they go second? What did they see?
7. What was Scrooge's reaction to the scene?
8. What did Scrooge think about when he saw the dead man?
9. Scrooge asked the Spirit to show him someone who felt emotion at the man's death. Describe the person the Spirit showed him.
10. What did Scrooge ask the Ghost to show him next? What did the Ghost show him?
11. Who had been kind to Bob Cratchit, and what was the kindness?
12. Who was the dead man? How did Scrooge discover who it was?
13. What question did Scrooge ask the Ghost as they stood among the graves?
14. What did Scrooge tell the Ghost he would do?

Stave 5 The End of It

1. Describe Scrooge's behavior when he woke up.
2. What day was it when Scrooge woke up?
3. What did Scrooge ask the boy under his window to do, and why?
4. How did Scrooge act when he went outside?
5. What did Scrooge do when he met the man who had asked for a donation the day before?
6. Whom did Scrooge visit? What was the reaction?
7. What happened at the office the next morning?
8. How did Scrooge spend the rest of his life?