

## OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: English

Year and Term: Year 11 Autumn 1

Topic: A Christmas Carol

Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.

	Question	Answer
1.	Why was Charles Dickens a supporter of the poor?	Dickens' father was sent to a debtor's prison and Dickens' himself sent to the workhouse, therefore he had personal experience of how harsh life could be in Victorian times for poor people. He wanted to use the story to educate people about change, and Christian generosity.
2.	Mrs Cratchit is described as being 'brave' in what?	Ribbons – this demonstrates that she is so poor the only bit of special finery she can add on Christmas day is ribbons (cheap to buy) but she is 'brave' because she behaves as if she's wearing the finest clothes.
3.	What is Scrooge's first name?	Ebenezer
4.	Who is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?	Marley
5.	What do Marley's chains represent?	The fact that he was obsessed with earning money, and saving as much money as possible during his life. This is metaphorically weighing him down in the afterlife.
6.	What is the name of Scrooge's clerk?	Bob Cratchit
7.	What is the name of Cratchit's youngest son?	Tiny Tim
8.	Why does Dickens show Scrooge his old boss, Fezziwig?	To remind him of happier times, but also to demonstrate that it's possible to be a kind and generous boss, and that this benefits everyone.
9.	Fred is Scrooge's <b>antithesis</b> . What does this mean?	Fred is Scrooge's opposite: he is kind, generous, loves the joy of Christmas and giving things to others. He is warm hearted and loved by many. This is the complete opposite to Scrooge for most of the book. This helps to highlight how much Scrooge changes across the novella.
10.	What does Scrooge's door knocker turn into?	Marley's face

11.	What kind of idol does Belle say has replaced her?	"A golden one"
12.	What will happen to Tiny Tim if he does not change his ways?	He will die
13.	Complete this quote: 'I will live in the _____, the _____ and the _____.'	Past Present Future
14.	What is the effect of the Ghost of Christmas Present repeating Scrooge's words back to him?	It helps Scrooge to realise how mean he is, and the horrible things he says about others.
15.	What is Dickens wanting his readers to understand?	Dickens wanted to criticise the treatment of the poor in Victorian times, to spread the benefits of embracing the Christian joy of Christmas, and to understand that if Scrooge could change, then anyone could change – it's never too late to become a better person.
16.	How was Scrooge described as a child at school?	"a solitary child neglected by his friends"
17.	What does Scrooge send to the Cratchit family at the end of the novella?	A huge turkey
18.	Why does the final ghost not speak?	To push Scrooge into voicing the changes he needs to make, and to verbalise his previous faults. This makes his transformation seem honest and realistic.
19.	What does Scrooge do for Bob Cratchit at the end of the novella?	He gives him a raise.
20.	What is the final line of the novella, spoken by Tiny Tim?	"God bless us, every one"