

# GCSE English Literature: A Christmas Carol

## Daily Revision Tasks

### Day 1

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

Fill in the blanks

‘ \_\_\_\_\_ as an oyster.’

About Scrooge - Stave One

Annotate this quote for what impression it gives us about how Scrooge will strive to live his life at the end of the novella

“The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me.”

Scrooge - Stave Five

In the novella, Dickens attempts to create empathy for Scrooge’s lonely figure in his counting house. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.

What purposeful contextual comments could you make about the Victorian audience’s perception of Scrooge at the beginning of the novella? Make notes.

Day 2

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

**Fill in the blanks**

“If they would rather die,” said Scrooge, “they had better do  
it, and \_\_\_\_\_ the surplus \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Scrooge - Stave One**

**Annotate this quote for what impression it gives us of Scrooge**

‘Solitary as an oyster.’

**About Scrooge - Stave One**

**In the novella, Dickens conveys his anger towards the disparity between the social classes in Victorian society. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.**

**What purposeful contextual comments could you make about social class in the exam? Make notes.**

Day 3

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

Fill in the blanks

'Darkness is \_\_\_\_\_, and Scrooge \_\_\_\_\_ it.'

About Scrooge - Stave One

Annotate this quote considering how it reveals Scrooge's attitude towards the poor

"If they would rather die," said Scrooge, "they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

Scrooge - Stave One

In the novella, Scrooge's attitude is a product of a failing society rather than a product of his own choices. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.

What purposeful contextual comments could you make about how the Industrial Revolution exacerbated the plight of the poor and the growing population? Make notes.

**Day 4**

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

**Fill in the blanks**

“Quite \_\_\_\_\_ in the world, I do believe.”

**Belle’s husband to Belle about Scrooge - Stave Two**

**Annotate this quote for what impression it gives us about Scrooge**

‘Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.’

**About Scrooge - Stave One**

**In the novella, the absence of light in Scrooge’s counting house should make the reader feel sorry for Scrooge as it emphasises the absence of any happiness. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.**

**What purposeful contextual comments could you make about Dickens’ intentions for people to realise the importance of emotional connections with each other? Make notes.**

Day 5

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

Fill in the blanks

"The \_\_\_\_\_ he gives, is quite as great as if it costs a \_\_\_\_\_."

Scrooge about Fezziwig - Stave Two

Annotate this quote for what it reveals to us about people's perception of Scrooge

"Quite alone in the world, I do believe."

Belle's husband to Belle about Scrooge - Stave Two

In the novella, Dickens uses Fezziwig as an example of how warmth, goodwill and generosity can impact people's lives. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.

What purposeful contextual comments could you make about the message Dickens was trying to impart to the reader about the real world? Make notes.

**Day 6**

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

**Fill in the blanks**

“If these \_\_\_\_\_ remain unaltered by the \_\_\_\_\_, the child will die.”

**About Tiny Tim - Stave Three**

**Annotate this quote for what it conveys to us about Fezziwig**

*“The happiness he gives, is quite as great as if it costs a fortune.”*

**Scrooge about Fezziwig - Stave Two**

**Dickens uses the character of Tiny Tim as a tool to teach a lesson about social injustice. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.**

**What purposeful contextual links could you make about Dickens' own feelings about the distribution of wealth in society at the time? Make notes.**

Day 7

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

Fill in the blanks

"This boy is \_\_\_\_\_. This girl is \_\_\_\_\_. Beware them both, and all of their degree, but most of all beware this boy."

The Ghost of Christmas Present - Stave Three

Annotate this quote for what it tells us about Scrooge's opportunity to change his ways

"If these shadows remain unaltered by the Future, the child will die."

About Tiny Tim - Stave Three

In the novella, the wretched children are only meant to demonstrate the Ignorance and Want of society as a whole, and should not be interpreted as a personal warning to Scrooge. Do you agree with this statement, and why? Make notes.

What purposeful contextual links could you make in the exam related to Dickens' concerns about the plight of poverty-stricken children in Victorian England? Make notes.

Day 8

Complete the four tasks below practising exam skills and recalling key information from the text.

**Fill in the blanks**

“It’s likely to be a very \_\_\_\_\_ funeral,” said the same speaker;

“for upon my life I don’t know of \_\_\_\_\_ to go to it.”

**A businessman discussing Scrooge’s funeral, Stave Four**

**Annotate this quote for what message the Ghost of Christmas Present is trying to convey to Scrooge**

*“This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware them both,  
and all of their degree, but most of all beware this boy.”*

**The Ghost of Christmas Present - Stave Three**

**The Ghost of Christmas Present, the ultimate symbol of Christmas, is used to highlight the disparity between the Cratchits and the middle/upper classes of society. How far do you agree with this statement and why? Make notes.**

**What purposeful contextual comments could you make linking the Ghost of Christmas Present and Dickens’ own views on Sabbatarianism? Make notes.**



**Day 9**

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**Fill in the blanks**

“I will not shut out the \_\_\_\_\_ that they teach.”

**Scrooge - Stave Four**

**Annotate this quote for what it tells us about the consequences of Scrooge's behaviour and actions**

“It's likely to be a very cheap funeral,” said the same speaker;  
“for upon my life I don't know of anybody to go to it.”

**A businessman discussing Scrooge's funeral, Stave Four**

**Dickens conveys that commitment to a better future is only possible through learning from our past mistakes.** How far do you agree with this statement and why? Make notes.

**What purposeful thematic and contextual comments could you make about Scrooge's redemption in the exam?**

Day 10

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Fill in the blanks

“The Spirits of all \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ within me.”

Scrooge - Stave Five

Annotate this quote for what it conveys to us about the importance of the Ghosts' messages to Scrooge

“I will not shut out the lessons that they teach.”

Scrooge - Stave Four

A reader said ‘Scrooge has not entirely redeemed himself from his selfishness. He only committed to change after he saw the reaction of people at his funeral - not when he saw the suffering of the poor and those close to him.’ How far do you agree with this statement? Make notes.

What purposeful contextual links could you make in the exam related to the quotes included on this page? Make notes.