A Christmas Carol Comprehension

Directions: Answer the questions based on *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

**Act I, scene ii**

1. What does Scrooge’s nephew ask of Scrooge? What is Scrooge’s response?

2. What do the two men want who come to visit Scrooge? Cite the line or lines prove(s) that proves your response.

3. During the exchange with the men, cite evidence that shows Scrooge is being verbally ironic.
4. What does Scrooge mean when he says it’s “not his business?” What theme does this reflect and why?

5. What does Cratchit squeeze into the Thin Man’s hand? Which line(s) helped you make this inference? What does this action show about Bob Cratchit?

   Act I, scene iii

6. Read the exchange between Scrooge and Marley. On the bottom of page 17, in Scrooge’s dialogue, to what does the word “them” refer? What is Scrooge saying about “them?”
7. Why is Marley a doomed ghost? Cite evidence.

8. The chain is an example of symbolism. What does the chain represent and how do you know? Cite textual evidence. Who is wearing a chain?

Act I, scene v

9. What is on Scrooge’s cheek? (p.22) What clues help you to make this inference?
10. What can you infer about Scrooge and his father's relationship? Cite textual evidence to support your response.


11. What is verbally ironic about the exchange between Young Scrooge and Dick Wilkins? (It relates to what Young Scrooge says.)


12. Who is the woman? Cite evidence to support your claim.


13. What phrases refer to money in this exchange of dialogue?
14. What is the conflict in this exchange? What is the result of the conflict?

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15. Explain how Scrooge and the man (his younger self) differ. What has already changed in Scrooge? Cite evidence.

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Act II, scene iii

1. What can one infer about Tiny Tim from Bob Cratchit’s dialogue on the bottom of page 33 and top of page 34? Cite textual evidence that supports your response. ***The evidence may come from a previous scene.

Act II, scene iv

2. Why does Christmas Present age so rapidly?

3. What is significant about the questions that Christmas Present repeats to Scrooge as he disappears?
4. What are the three businessmen discussing? What does Scrooge think they are discussing?

5. What are Old Joe and the others doing? Cite some textual clues that help you make this inference.

6. When Bob Cratchit states, “It would have done you good to see how green a place it is,” to what is he referring? What has happened in this future?
7. What is the final sight that Scrooge sees in the future, and what question does he ask the Phantom? Explain the meaning of the question. What is the Phantom’s answer? Cite evidence.

Act II, scene 5

8. Cite two, specific, textual details that prove that he Scrooge has changed.