

Mark Scheme

Reading

1. Any three from the following:

- Frozen/ old features
- A pointed nose
- Shrivelled cheeks
- A stiff gait
- Red eyes
- Thin/ blue lips

2. 1 mark for simile, 1 mark for appropriate explanation:

Simile: 'Hard and sharp as flint'

Explanation: This shows that Scrooge is unkind/ cruel/ lacks compassion/ lacks empathy (or similar answer)

Or

Simile: 'solitary as an oyster'

Explanation: This shows that Scrooge was lonely/ solitary/ closed off/ shut up (or similar answer)

3. This tells us that Scrooge is cold-hearted/mean/ unpleasant to be around (or similar answer)

4. Any four from the following:

- Solitary as an oyster
- Secret and self-contained
- Nobody ever stopped him in the street
- No beggars implored him to bestow a trifle,
- no children asked him what it was o'clock

- no man or woman ever once in all his life inquired the way to such and such a place, of Scrooge.
5. a. Scrooge was not impacted by/ did not feel the cold and warmth from the outside/ the weather (or similar answer).
- b. Scrooge went through life with an angry/ aggressive exterior, so people kept away from him (or similar answer).
6. a . A metaphor
- B. The houses opposite looked ghostly/ like ghosts in the fog.
7. Award 2 marks for a quotation with an appropriate explanation. Examples:
- The text states that there is 'cold, bleak, biting weather'. This reflects Scrooge's character, as we know that Scrooge is a very cold/ depressed/ mean man.
 - The text says 'to see the dingy cloud come drooping down.' This suggests that the weather is very depressing/ oppressive/ dark/ sad, just like Scrooge's personality.
8. It had been dark all day due to the dense fog.
9. (Accept reasonable answers)
- Foul = disgusting/ awful/unpleasant
- Implored = begged
- Dense = thick/ compact
- Obscuring = hiding/ covering
10. It was **Christmas Eve** and the **whole** city was preparing for the next day. People hurried **excitedly** around the streets, buying food, decorations and gifts. Children hung **their** stockings on the ends of beds, waiting impatiently for the day **to** arrive.