A Christmas Carol: Revision Questions

Stave 1

1. How long has Marley been dead at the start of the novella?
2. What day does the story take place on?
3. At the beginning of the novella, how is Scrooge described? Can you remember any quotes?
4. How does Scrooge treat Bob Cratchit at the start of the novella?
5. Who visits Scrooge in his office? What do they want?
6. How is Marley described when he visits Scrooge?
7. What is Marley’s message to Scrooge?

Stave 2

1. What does the Ghost of Christmas Past look like?
2. Name the three places Scrooge visits with the Ghost of Christmas Past. What does he learn at each place?

Stave 3:

1. How is the Ghost of Christmas Present described?
2. Why does Dickens choose to give a large description to the food on sale on Christmas morning as Scrooge and the Ghost travel to the Cratchits’ house?
3. What is shown at the Cratchits’ house? What impact does it have on Scrooge?
4. What is happening at Fred’s house? How does Scrooge feel?
5. Who are Ignorance and Want? What do they represent?

Stave 4:

1. How is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come described?
2. What events does Scrooge see in the future? How does he react to them?

Stave 5:

1. Describe Scrooge’s actions at the end of the novella. How has he changed?