**Helpful quotations for your essay**

**Scrooge’s character:**

“was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone”

“Hard and sharp as flint”

“secret, self-contained, and solitary as an oyster”

“The cold within him froze his old features, nipped his pointed nose, shriveled his cheek”

“No wind that blew was bitter than he”

“Even the blind men’s dogs appeared to know him; when they saw him coming on, they would tug their owners into doorways”

“very rich”

**His attitude towards Christmas (beginning)**

“Bah!” said Scrooge, “Humbug!

(to Fred) “What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry? You’re poor enough.”

“What’s Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer; a time for balancing your books”

“Every idiot who goes about with ‘Merry Christmas’ on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart”

“a poor excuse for picking a man’s pocket”

**His attitude towards the poor (beginning)**

When asked to donate: “are there no prisons?” “and the union workhouses?”

“I don’t make myself merry at Christmas and I can’t afford to make idle people merry”

“if they would rather die they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population”

**Marley’s visit**

Scrooge: “I won’t believe it” “fought against his senses” “looking doubtfully at him”

Marley: “I am here to-night to warn you, that you yet have a change and hope of escaping my fate”

“You will be haunted by Three Spirits”

“without their visits you cannot hope to shun the path I tread”

**First Spirit**

“I am the Ghost of Christmas Past” “Your past”

“your lip is trembling, and what is that upon your cheek?”

“he rejoiced to see them! His cold eyes glistened and his heart leapt up”

“He sobbed”

“Scrooge exclaimed in ecstasy”

“laughing and crying”

“There was a boy singing a Christmas Carol at my door last night. I should like to have given him something”

“Scrooge cried in great excitement”

“His heart and soul were in the scene, and with his former self”

“I should like to be able to say a word or two to my clerk just now”

“show me no more! Why do you delight to torture me?”

“remove me! I cannot bear it!”

**Second Spirit**

“He wished to challenge the Spirit on the moment of its appearance, and did not wish to be taken by surprise and made nervous”

“Now being prepared for almost anything”

“Tonight, if you have anything to teach me, let me profit by it”

“Spirit, tell me if Tiny Tim will live”

“Oh, No, kind Spirit! Say he will be spared”

(when he hears Tiny Tim will die) he is “overcome with penitence and grief”

At Fred’s part, playing games, Scrooge “begged like a boy to be allowed to stay until the guests departed”

“Scrooge had become so gay and light of heart”

**Third Spirit**

“its mysterious presence filled him with a solemn dread”

Scrooge feared the silent shape so much that his legs trembled beneath him”

“he could hardly stand”

“I hope to live to be another man from what I was, I am prepared to bear you company and do it with a thankful heart”

“hear me! I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been”

“I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach. Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone.”

**The end of it**

“He was fluttered and so glowing with his good intentions”

“laughing and crying”

“I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man.”

“A Merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world!”

(talking about the turkey) “I’ll send it to Bob Cratchit’s! rubbing his hands and splitting with a laugh”

“he paid for the turkey, he paid for the cab”

“he looked so irresistibly pleasant that three or four good-humoured fellow said, ‘Good morning, sir”

“He went to church…” “patted children on the head” “questioned beggars”

“everything could yield him pleasure”

“and therefore I am about to raise your salary!”

“A Merry Christmas, Bob!”

“I’ll raise your salary, and endeavor to assist your struggling family”

“To Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father”

He became a s good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old city knew”

“he knew how to keep Christmas well”