Task

Write a plan and then answer the following essay style question - How does Dickens represent Scrooge and his relationships with others?

Use the following questions and sentence starters, to help you:

**Explain who Scrooge is and what he does for a living.**

- In the introduction you may want to explain how Scrooge treats his nephew.
- You may also want to explain why Scrooge appears to dislike Christmas.
- You should cover: his work place, his home and his daily routines.

*At the beginning of the book, Scrooge is ...*

**Describe how Scrooge treats Bob Cratchit, his clerk.**

- You should also describe how other people think of him: the charity workers and the children.

*A good example of how mean a character he is can be found in the way Scrooge treats his clerk ...*

**Describe who Marley is and what he warns Scrooge about.**

- What is the lesson that he needs to learn?
- How does this part of the book show us Scrooge’s character?
- Do we see him as scared?
- Why does he not want to believe in the ghost?

*Scrooge is told by the ghost of his business partner that he must ...*

**How does the Ghost of Christmas Past make Scrooge feel?**

- What type of character was Scrooge in the past?
- What type of childhood did Scrooge have?
- Why does Scrooge feel upset at not giving the little boy singing a carol anything?
- What types of Christmas does the Ghost of Christmas Past show him?
- How does Scrooge feel about Fezziwig?
Structured essay question

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- How does this make him feel about his treatment of Bob Cratchit?
- How does Scrooge feel after the Ghost of Christmas Past has left?

The Ghost of Christmas Past reminds Scrooge of how he had been happy once and makes him wonder...

How does the Ghost of Christmas Present make him feel?

- Scrooge feels he ‘learnt a lesson’ with the first Ghost and wants to ‘profit’ by this Ghost - what does this tell us about his character?
- How does Scrooge feel when he sees the Cratchit family?
- How does Scrooge feel when he hears a toast to his name?
- What happens to Scrooge when he sees his nephew and other relatives discussing him?
- What lesson does Scrooge learn from this Ghost?
- Is his character reforming yet?

The Ghost of Christmas Present makes him realise how you do not need money to have to have some of the best things in life.

How does the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come make him feel?

- How does this Ghost look and what effect does this have on Scrooge?
- How does Scrooge feel listening to people discussing him after he has apparently died?

Finally, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge what might happen if ... Scrooge feels guilty, frightened and ashamed ...

Explain how Scrooge has changed at the end of the novel.

- What things does he do that reflect his changed character?
- Explain what you think Scrooge has learnt from all of this?
- Has he learnt from his past mistakes?

When Scrooge wakes up the next morning he is ...