

AQA English Literature GCSE

An Inspector Calls: Question Bank
Character



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1. Eva Smith

01) How does Priestley use Eva Smith to explore different attitudes towards suicide in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- how Eva is presented during the play
- what some of these attitudes to suicide are

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]

2. Sheila Birling

01) How far does Priestley present Sheila as a woman of her time in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- what Sheila says and does throughout the play
- how far Priestley presents Sheila as a character who is different to other women of her time

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]



3. Mrs Birling

01) How does Priestley use Mrs Birling to explore different attitudes towards the poor in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- what Mrs Birling says and does throughout the play
- what some of her attitudes towards the poor are and how they contrast with others

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]

4. Gerald Croft

01) How does Priestley use Gerald Croft to explore the conflict between an individual's public and private lives in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- what Gerald says and does throughout the play
- the conflict between public and private lives

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]



5. Mr Birling

01) How does Priestley use Mr Birling to explore male attitudes towards women in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- how Mr Birling is presented during the play
- what some of these attitudes to women are

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]

6. Eric Birling

01) How far does Priestley present Eric Birling as emotional in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- what Eric says and does throughout the play
- how far Priestley presents Eric as an emotional character

[30 marks]
AO4 [4 marks]



7. Inspector Goole

01) How does Priestley use Inspector Goole to explore ideas about equality and injustice in *An Inspector Calls*?

Write about:

- what the Inspector says and does throughout the play
- what some of these ideas about equality and justice are

[30 marks]

AO4 [4 marks]

