

# Edexcel English Literature GCSE

An Inspector Calls: Question Bank  
*Characters*



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## 1. Eva Smith

Sheila: *She was very pretty and looked as if she could take care of herself. I couldn't be sorry for her.*

07) Explore the significance of **Eva Smith's death** in *An Inspector Calls*.

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures,  
and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

## 2. Sheila Birling

Sheila: *But these girls aren't cheap labour - they're people.*

07) How does the character of **Sheila Birling develop** throughout the play?

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures,  
and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**



### 3. Mrs Birling

Mrs Birling: *As if a girl of that sort would refuse money.*

07) In what ways is **Mrs Birling important** in the play?

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures,  
and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

### 4. Gerald Croft

Gerald: *I don't come into this suicide business.*

07) In what way does **Gerald's public life conflict with his private life?**

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures,  
and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**



## 5. Mr Birling

Mr Birling: *I'm talking as a hard-headed, practical man of business. And I say there isn't a chance of war.*

07) Explore the significance of **Mr Birling** in the play

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures, and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

## 6. Eric Birling

Eric: *the fact remains that I did what I did*

07) How does the character of **Eric Birling develop** throughout the play?

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures, and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**  
**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**



## 7. Inspector Goole

Inspector: *We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other*

07) Explain the **significance of the Inspector** in the play

You must refer to the context of the play in your answer.

**(includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures,  
and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)**

**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

