

Edexcel English Literature GCSE

An Inspector Calls: Question Bank *Themes*



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1. Accountability

Sheila: *I know I'm to blame - and I'm desperately sorry - but I can't believe - I won't believe - it's simply my fault*

07) Explore the significance of accountability 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. Guilt

Inspector Goole: *We have to share something. If there's nothing else we'll have to share our guilt*

07) Explore the significance of guilt 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)



3. Suicide

Eric: *It doesn't alter the fact that we all helped to kill her*

07) How is suicide important 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)

4. Learning

Sheila: *The point is, you don't seem to have learnt anything. But it doesn't make any real difference*

07) How is learning important 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)



5. Inspection

Stage directions: *He speaks carefully, weightily and has a disconcerting habit of looking hard at the person he addresses before actually speaking.*

07) Why is inspection of importance 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)

6. Age

Inspector Goole: *We often do on the young ones. They're more impressionable*

07) Explore the significance of age 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)



7. Gender

Mrs Birling: *First, the girl herself. Secondly, I blame the young man who was the father of the child*

07) In what way is gender important 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)

8. Love

Stage directions: *A rather cold woman*

07) What is the significance of love 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)



9. Time

Mr Birling: *A man has to mind his own business - and look after himself - and his own - and -*

Stage directions: *[We hear the sharp ring of a front doorbell. Birling stops to listen]*

07) Explore the significance of timing 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)

10. Honesty and Truth

Eric: *It doesn't alter the fact that we all helped to kill her*

07) Explore the significance of honesty and truth 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)



11. Individual responsibility versus collective responsibility

Inspector Goole: *Public men, Mr Birling, have responsibilities as well as privileges*

07) Explore the significance of individual responsibility versus collective responsibility 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)

