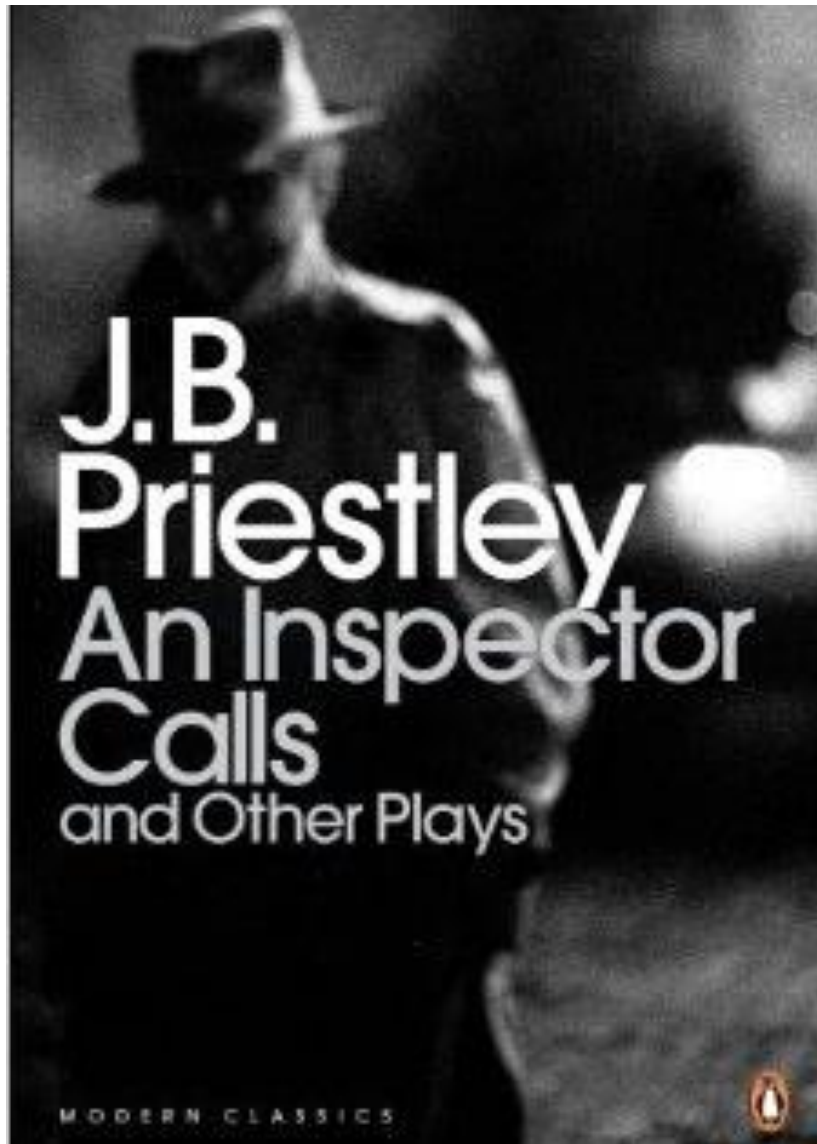


## Practice Exam Questions for English Literature Paper 2

### An Inspector Calls by J. B. Priestley



- An Inspector Calls is the focus of your **first question** on English Literature **paper 2**.
- This question is worth **34 marks**.
- The **paper is worth 96 marks**. This is **60% of your overall English Literature GCSE**.
- The paper 2 examination lasts for **2 hours and 15 minutes**.
- The examination is **closed book**. This means that you cannot take your copy of the book into the exam, so **you must memorise quotations** for key characters and themes.
- For this question, you will be marked on the following **assessment objectives**:

Assessment objective 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing in a <b>critical style</b></li><li>• Developing a <b>personal response</b></li><li>• Using <b>quotations and references</b> to support your ideas</li></ul>
Assessment objective 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysing how <b>language, structure and form</b> are used to create <b>meanings and effects</b></li><li>• Using subject specific <b>terminology</b></li></ul>
Assessment objective 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Showing an understanding of the relationship between texts and the <b>contexts</b> in which they were written</li></ul>
Assessment objective 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using a range of <b>sentence structures and vocabulary</b> for clarity, purpose, and effect</li><li>• Accurate <b>spelling, punctuation, and grammar</b></li></ul>

### **Question 1**

Does Priestley encourage you to feel sympathy for Eric at any point in the play? Write about:

- Eric's interactions with other characters
- how Priestley presents Eric by the ways he writes.

### **Question 2**

How does Priestley show that tension is at the heart of the Birling family?

Write about:

- the interactions between the family members in An Inspector Calls
- how Priestley presents these interactions by the ways he writes.

### **Question 3**

Explore how Priestley's portrayal of Gerald Croft contributes to the dramatic impact of the play.

Write about:

- Gerald's actions throughout the play
- how Priestley presents Gerald by the ways he writes.

### **Question 4**

Priestley criticises the selfishness of people like the Birlings. How is selfishness presented throughout the play?

Write about:

- selfish characters and the ideas about selfishness in An Inspector Calls
- how Priestley presents these characters and ideas by the ways he writes.

### **Question 5**

In what ways does Priestley make the relationship between Sheila Birling and Gerald Croft such an important part of the play?

Write about:

- how their relationship develops and changes across the play
- how Priestley presents their relationship by the ways he writes.

### **Question 6**

Inspector Goole says, "We are responsible for each other." How does J.B. Priestley present this idea to an audience in An Inspector Calls?

Write about:

- the ideas about responsibility in An Inspector Calls
- how Priestley presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

### **Question 7**

How and why does Priestley present Inspector Goole as a powerful character?

Write about:

- how Inspector Goole interacts with the Birling family and Gerald Croft
- how Priestley presents Inspector Goole by the ways he writes.

### **Question 8**

An Inspector Calls has been described as a play about deception, hypocrisy and lies. How does J.B. Priestley present this in the play?

Write about:

- the ideas about deception, hypocrisy and lies in An Inspector Calls
- how Priestley presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

### **Question 9**

How does Priestley present the themes of power and influence in An Inspector Calls?

Write about:

- the power and influence that characters hold and use throughout the course of the play
- how Priestley presents power and influence by the ways he writes.

### **Question 10**

Eric and Gerald both had an affair with Eva Smith/Daisy Renton. With which of these two men do you have more sympathy?

Write about:

- the actions of Eric and Gerald in An Inspector Calls
- how Priestley creates sympathy by the ways he writes.

### **Question 11**

What does An Inspector Calls reveal about attitudes to women throughout the course of the play?

Write about:

- the actions and responses of female characters throughout the play
- how Priestley presents female characters by the ways he writes.

### **Question 12**

To what extent is it possible to understand and sympathise with Mrs. Birling's behaviour?

Write about:

- Mrs Birling's behaviour in An Inspector Calls and how audiences might react
- how Priestley presents Mrs Birling by the ways he writes.

### **Question 13**

How does Priestley present the different social classes in An Inspector Calls?

Write about:

- how Priestley presents the upper and lower social classes and character's reactions to other social classes
- how Priestley presents different social classes by the ways he writes.

### **Question 14**

How does Priestley highlight the differences between the different generations within the Birling family in An Inspector Calls?

Write about:

- Priestley's presentation of the older generation, Sybil and Arthur Birling, and the younger generation, Eric and Sheila Birling
- how Priestley presents the differences between the different generations by the ways he writes.

### **Question 15**

Eric and Sheila Birling are brother and sister. How does Priestley present the similarities and differences between these characters in An Inspector Calls?

Write about:

- how Priestley presents Sheila and Eric throughout the course of the play
- how Priestley presents the similarities and differences between these characters by the ways he writes.