

An Inspector Calls

**Key quotations and
themes**

[30 marks]

Character	Act	Key Quotations	HOW?	WHY?
Arthur Birling	1	WHAT word: _____ “unsinkable” , “the Germans don’t want war”		
	1	WHAT word: _____ “a man has [...] to look after himself and his own”		
	1	WHAT word: _____ “community and all that nonsense”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “famous younger generation who know it all”		

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Sybil Birling	1	WHAT word: _____ <p><i>“A rather cold woman” , “her husband’s social superior”</i></p>		
	2	WHAT word: _____ <p>“I did nothing I’m ashamed of”</p>		
	2	WHAT word: _____ <p>Gerald’s affair is “disgusting” Sheila is a “hysterical child”</p>		
	2	WHAT word: _____ <p>“As if a girl of that sort would ever refuse money!”</p>		

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Sheila Birling	1	WHAT word: _____ <i>“A pretty girl [...] very pleased with life”</i>		
	1	WHAT word: _____ “But these girls aren’t cheap labour – they’re people!”		
	2	WHAT word: _____ “You and I aren’t the same people who sat down to dinner”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “Between us we drove that girl to commit suicide”		

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Gerald Croft	1	WHAT word: _____ “I don’t come into this suicide business”		
	2	WHAT word: _____ “I’m rather more – upset – by this business than I probably appear to be”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ Inspector says he “made her happy for a time”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “Everything’s alright now, Sheila. What about this ring?”		

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Eric Birling	1	WHAT word: _____ <i>“Not quite at ease, half shy, half assertive”</i>		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “you’re not the kind of father a chap could go to when he’s in trouble”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “I’m ashamed of you as well – yes both of you” (to his parents)		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “the girl’s dead and we all helped to kill her”		

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The Inspector	2	WHAT word: _____ Says the younger generation are “more impressionable”		
	2	WHAT word: _____ “Public men, Mr Birling, have responsibilities as well as privileges”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “We don’t live alone. We are members of one body.”		
	3	WHAT word: _____ “If men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it, in fire, and blood, and anguish”		

Responsibility and change

Social class

Older vs younger generation

Socialism

Capitalism

Gender