

AQA GCSE English Literature Exam Questions

Year	An Inspector Calls	The Merchant of Venice	A Christmas Carol	Power and Conflict Poetry
2023	<p>How does Priestley present what life is like for women in 'An Inspector Calls'?</p> <p>How does Priestley present the different ways older and younger characters respond to the Inspector in 'An Inspector Calls'?</p>	<p>Starting with this conversation, explore how Shakespeare presents ideas about loyalty in The Merchant of Venice.</p>	<p>Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents the effects of greed in 'A Christmas Carol'.</p>	<p>Compare how poets present the effects of power in 'My Last Duchess' and in one other poem from 'Power and Conflict'.</p>
2022	<p>How far does Priestley present Eric as a character who learns important lessons about society in An Inspector Calls?</p> <p>'Priestley shows how inequality in society leads to tragedy.' How far do you agree with this view of An Inspector Calls?</p>	<p>Starting with this conversation, explore how Shakespeare presents the relationship between Shylock and Antonio in The Merchant of Venice</p>	<p>Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents the effects of loneliness and isolation in A Christmas Carol</p>	<p>Compare how poets present ideas about conflict in 'Bayonet Charge' and in one other poem from 'Power and conflict'.</p>
Nov 2021	<p>How does Priestley use Gerald to explore ideas about responsibility?</p> <p>How far does Priestley present society as unfair in An Inspector Calls?</p>	<p>Starting with this conversation, explore how Shakespeare presents the relationship between Portia and Bassanio</p>	<p>Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents ideas about joy and happiness in A Christmas Carol.</p>	<p>Compare how poets present ideas about power and control in 'London' and in one other poem from 'Power and conflict'</p>
2020	<p>Mr Birling says, '...a man has to mind his own business and look after himself and his own'. How far does Priestley present Mr Birling as a man who cares only for himself and his family?</p> <p>How far does Priestley present male characters as irresponsible in the play?</p>	<p>Starting with this speech, explore how Shakespeare presents attitudes to mercy in The Merchant of Venice.</p>	<p>Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents the suffering of the poor in A Christmas Carol</p>	<p>Compare how poets present the ways people are affected by difficult experiences in 'Remains' and in one other poem from 'Power and conflict'.</p>
2019	<p>How does Priestley present selfishness and its effects in An Inspector Calls?</p> <p>How does Priestley present Sheila as a character who learns important lessons about herself and society?</p>	<p>Starting with this speech, explore how Shakespeare presents ideas about romantic love in The Merchant of Venice.</p>	<p>Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens uses the ghosts to help Scrooge change his attitudes and behaviour.</p>	<p>Compare how poets present the ways that people are affected by war in 'War Photographer' and in one other poem from 'Power</p>

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2018	<p>How far does Priestley present Eric as a character who changes his attitudes towards himself and others during the play?</p> <p>How does Priestley explore the importance of social class in An Inspector Calls?</p>	Starting with this moment in the play, explore how Shakespeare presents ideas about justice in The Merchant of Venice.	Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents Scrooge’s fears in A Christmas Carol	Compare how poets present ideas about power in ‘Ozymandias’ and in one other poem from ‘Power and conflict’.
2017	<p>How far does Priestley present Mrs Birling as an unlikeable character?</p> <p>How does Priestley use the character of the Inspector to suggest ways that society could be improved?</p>	Starting with this speech, explore how far Shakespeare presents Portia as a strong female character in The Merchant of Venice.	Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens uses the Cratchit family to show the struggles of the poor.	Compare how poets present the effects of war in ‘Bayonet Charge’ and in one other poem from ‘Power and conflict’
Spec	<p>How and why does Sheila change in An Inspector Calls?</p> <p>How does Priestley explore the theme of social responsibility in 'An Inspector Calls'?</p>	Starting with this speech, how does Shakespeare present Shylock’s feelings about the way he is treated?	Starting with this extract, how does Dickens present Scrooge as an outsider to society?	Compare the ways poets present ideas about power in ‘Ozymandias’ and in one other poem from ‘Power and conflict’.