

Exam Style Question: Write about Eric and how he is presented throughout the play

Task: Copy out the bold headings and answer the questions in bullet points

- 1) **Eric is described as 'not quite at ease'** – What does the description suggest about Eric? How is Eric different to the rest of the family at the start?
- 2) **We are told that Eric is 'squiffy'** – What does this show?
- 3) **'What about war?' - during Mr Birling's speech concerning the future** – Why does Eric say this? What does it show about his attitudes compared to his father?
- 4) **'Yes, I remember – (but he checks himself)** – Why does Eric stop himself from revealing more to Mr Birling and Gerald? What does this convey?
- 5) **'Yes, you've piled it on a bit tonight, Father.'** – Why does Eric say this to his father? What does it show?
- 6) **Gerald – 'Unless Eric's been up to something' – both he and Mr Birling laugh** – What does this comment reveal about how they view Eric?
- 7) **'Well, I think it's a dam' shame...You said yourself she was a good worker. I'd have let her stay.'** – What does this comment suggest?
- 8) **Mr Birling (rather angrily) Unless you brighten up your ideas, you'll never be in a position to let anybody stay or to tell anybody to go.'** – Why does Birling say this? What does it show?
- 9) **'My God, it's a bit thick, when you come to think of it.'** – What does this comment show?
- 10) **Mrs Birling - 'You're not the type – you don't get drunk.'** – What does this comment reveal?
- 11) **'I was in a state when a chap easily turns nasty – and I threatened to make a row.'** – What does Eric admit to here?
- 12) **'I didn't even remember – that's the hellish thing. Oh – my god!'** – What does this comment suggest?
- 13) **'She was pretty and a good sport.'** – Why does the Inspector criticise this comment later in the play?
- 14) **'You're not the kind of father a chap could go to when he's in trouble – that's why.'** – What does this comment suggest about their relationship?
- 15) **'You killed them both – damn you, damn you.'** – Why does Eric say this to his mother?
- 16) **'I'm ashamed of you as well – yes both of you...He was our Inspector all right.'** – What does this comment reveal?

Exam Style Question: Write about Eric and how he is presented throughout the play

Task: Copy out the bold headings and answer the questions in bullet points

- 1) **Eric is described as 'not quite at ease'** – What does the description suggest about Eric? How is Eric different to the rest of the family at the start?
- 2) **We are told that Eric is 'squiffy'** – What does this show?
- 3) **'What about war?' - during Mr Birling's speech concerning the future** – Why does Eric say this? What does it show about his attitudes compared to his father?
- 4) **'Yes, I remember – (but he checks himself)** – Why does Eric stop himself from revealing more to Mr Birling and Gerald? What does this convey?
- 5) **'Yes, you've piled it on a bit tonight, Father.'** – Why does Eric say this to his father? What does it show?
- 6) **Gerald – 'Unless Eric's been up to something' – both he and Mr Birling laugh** – What does this comment reveal about how they view Eric?
- 7) **'Well, I think it's a dam' shame...You said yourself she was a good worker. I'd have let her stay.'** – What does this comment suggest?
- 8) **Mr Birling (rather angrily) Unless you brighten up your ideas, you'll never be in a position to let anybody stay or to tell anybody to go.'** – Why does Birling say this? What does it show?
- 9) **'My God, it's a bit thick, when you come to think of it.'** – What does this comment show?
- 10) **Mrs Birling - 'You're not the type – you don't get drunk.'** – What does this comment reveal?
- 11) **'I was in a state when a chap easily turns nasty – and I threatened to make a row.'** – What does Eric admit to here?
- 12) **'I didn't even remember – that's the hellish thing. Oh – my god!'** – What does this comment suggest?
- 13) **'She was pretty and a good sport.'** – Why does the Inspector criticise this comment later in the play?
- 14) **'You're not the kind of father a chap could go to when he's in trouble – that's why.'** – What does this comment suggest about their relationship?
- 15) **'You killed them both – damn you, damn you.'** – Why does Eric say this to his mother?
- 16) **'I'm ashamed of you as well – yes both of you...He was our Inspector all right.'** – What does this comment reveal?

