

AQA Literature Past Paper Questions

Year	Literature Paper 1: Macbeth	Literature Paper 1: A Christmas Carol
June 2025	Act 1 scene 7 Macbeth's soliloquy "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well..." explore how far Shakespeare presents Macbeth as an ambitious character.	Stave 3 "At last dinner was all done, the cloth was cleared.... (down to) Founder of the Feast" How Dickens presents the importance of kindness in ACC.
June 2024	Extract Act 1 scene 7 "was the hope drunk" explore how Shakespeare presents Lady Macbeth as a strong female character.	Stave 4 just after Old Joe's where Scrooge has become auto didactic "I see. I see" How Dickens presents the lessons Scrooge learns about life.
June 2023	Extract Act 5 Scene 3: starting with this conversation, explore how far Shakespeare presents Macbeth as a male character who changes.	Stave 2 Scrooge and Belle. Explore how Dickens presents the effect of greed.
June 2022	Extract Act 3 Scene 1: starting with this scene how does Shakespeare present Macbeth's fears?	Stave 2 Scrooge goes back to school: how does Dickens present ideas about loneliness and isolation.
June 2021	Act 2 Scene 2 extract: starting with this conversation explore how Shakespeare presents the relationship between M and LM.	Stave 2 Fezziwig's party: how Dickens presents ideas about joy and happiness.
Nov 2020	Act 5 scene 1: 'Lady Macbeth is a female character who changes during the play.' starting with this moment in the play, explore how far you agree with this view.	Stave 3 Ignorance and Want: explore how Dickens presents the suffering of the poor.
June 2019	Act 1 Scene 2 Captain's speech: Shakespeare's portrayal of Macbeth as a violent character.	Stave 1 Marley's ghost. How the ghost help Scrooge changes his attitudes and behaviours.
June 2018	Act 1 Scene 3 prophecies: Attitudes of Macbeth and Banquo towards the supernatural	Stave 4 GOCYTC: Dickens presents Scrooge's fears
June 2017	Act 1 Scene 5 Raven: starting with this speech, explore how Shakespeare presents ambition.	Stave 3 Cratchit Dinner: how Dickens uses the Cratchit family to show the struggles of the poor.

Year	Literature Paper 2: An Inspector Calls	Literature Paper 2: P&C Poetry	Literature Paper 2 Unseen Theme
June 2025	How does Priestley present Gerald and Sheila's changing relationship? How does Priestley present ideas about power?	Ideas about conflict: Exposure	Ideas/ feelings about home and family Table by Robert Hull Like a Beacon by Grace Nichols
June 2024	How does Priestley use the character of Mrs B to explore ideas about social class? OR How does Priestley use the Inspector to suggest the need for social change?	Affected by conflict: Kamikaze	Ideas about daily life and connecting with the natural world The washing never gets done by Jaan Kaplinski A Day in Autumn by R S Thomas
June 2023	How does P present What life is like for women in the play? Different ways older and younger character respond to the Inspector	Effects of Power: My Last Duchess	Speaker's feelings about their relationship Scaffolding- Seamus Heaney Yours- Daniel Hoffman
June 2022	How far is Eric presented as a character who learns important lessons about society. Priestley shows how inequality in society leads to tragedy. How do you agree with this?	Ideas about conflict: Bayonet Charge	Importance of protecting and taking care of each other Shoulders- Naomi Shihab Nye Choices- Tess Gallagher
June 2021	How does Priestley use Gerald to explore ideas about responsibility? How far does Priestley present society as unfair?	Ideas about power and control: London	Attitudes towards the city at night A London Thoroughfare. 2AM- Amy Lowell November Night, Edinburgh by Norman MacCraig
June 2020	How far does Priestley present Mr Birling as a man who cares only for his family and himself? How far does Priestley present male characters as irresponsible in the play?	The ways people are affected by difficult experience: Remains	Feelings about love I Am Offering this Poem- Jimmy Santiago Baca The sun has burst the sky
June 2019	How does Priestley present Sheila as a character who learns important lessons about herself and society? How does Priestley present selfishness and its effects in the play?	How people are affected by war: War Photographer	Ideas about living a happy and contented life The Richest Poor Man in the Valley- Lindsay Macrae Nobody- Michael Laskey
June 2018	How far does Priestley present Eric as a character who changes his attitudes towards himself and others during the play? How does Priestley explore the importance of social class?	Ideas about power: Ozymandias	Attitudes to growing old On aging- Maya Angelou Jessie Emily Schofield- Judy Williams
June 2017	How far does Priestley present Mrs Birling as an unlikable character?	Effects of war: Bayonet Charge	Attitudes towards seasons