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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

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- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Answer ONE question on the play you have studied.**

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- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

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ALAN BENNETT: THE HISTORY BOYS

- 1 (a) MRS LINTOTT: Ah, Rudge,
RUDGE: Miss.
MRS LINTOTT: How are you all getting on
with Mr Irwin?
RUDGE: It's... interesting, miss, if you 5
know what I mean. It makes
me grateful for your lessons.
MRS LINTOTT: Really? That's nice to hear.
RUDGE: Firm foundations type thing.
Point A. Point B. Point C. 10
Mr Irwin is more... free-range?
MRS LINTOTT: I hadn't thought of you as a
battery chicken, Rudge.
RUDGE: It's only a metaphor, miss.
MRS LINTOTT: I'm relieved to hear it. 15
RUDGE: You've force-fed us the facts;
now we're in the process of
running around acquiring
flavour.
MRS LINTOTT: Is that what Mr Irwin says? 20
RUDGE: Oh no, miss. The metaphor's
mine.
MRS LINTOTT: Well, you hang on to it.
RUDGE: Like I'm just going home
now to watch some videos 25
of the Carry On films. I don't
understand why there are
none in the school library.
MRS LINTOTT: Why should there be?
RUDGE: Mr Irwin said the Carry Ons 30
would be good films to talk
about.
MRS LINTOTT: Really? How peculiar. Does
he like them, do you think?

ALAN BENNETT: THE HISTORY BOYS (Cont.)

RUDGE:	Probably not, miss. You never know with him.	35
MRS LINTOTT:	I'm now wondering if there's something there that I've missed.	
RUDGE:	Mr Irwin says that, 'While they have no intrinsic artistic merit – (He is reading from his notes.) – they achieve some of the permanence of art simply by persisting and acquire an incremental significance if only as social history.'	40
MRS LINTOTT:	Jolly good.	
RUDGE:	'If George Orwell had lived, nothing is more certain than that he would have written an essay on the Carry On films.'	45
MRS LINTOTT:	I thought it was Mr Hector who was the Orwell fan.	
RUDGE:	He is. Mr Irwin says that if Orwell were alive today he'd be in the National Front.	50
MRS LINTOTT:	Dear me. What fun you must all have.	
RUDGE:	It's cutting-edge, miss. It really is.	60

ALAN BENNETT: THE HISTORY BOYS (Cont.)

EITHER 1 (a)

What makes this conversation between Rudge and Mrs. Lintott such an entertaining moment in the play?

You should consider:

- **what Mrs. Lintott says**
- **how Rudge replies to her**
- **Rudge's views of his different teachers. [27]**

OR 1 (b)

What do you think makes the Headmaster's relationships with the teachers such an entertaining part of the play?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play. [27]

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HAROLD BRIGHOUSE: HOBSON'S CHOICE

- 2 (a) **MAGGIE:** (rising): What can we do for you, Mr Prosser?
- ALBERT:** (stopping): Well, I can't say that I came in to buy anything, Miss Hobson. 5
- MAGGIE:** This is a shop, you know. We're not here to let people go out without buying.
- ALBERT:** Well, I'll just have a pair of bootlaces, please. 10
- MAGGIE:** What size do you take in boots?
- ALBERT:** Eights. I've got small feet. (He simpers, then perceives that **MAGGIE** is by no means smiling.) Does that matter to the laces? 15
- MAGGIE:** (putting mat in front of armchair): It matters to the boots. (She pushes him slightly.) Sit down, Mr Prosser.
- ALBERT:** (sitting): Yes, but – 20
- MAGGIE:** It's time you had a new pair. These uppers are disgraceful for a professional man to wear. Number eights from the third rack, Vickey, please. 25
- ALICE:** Mr Prosser didn't come in to buy boots, Maggie.
- VICKEY** comes down to Maggie with box, which she opens. 30
- MAGGIE:** I wonder what does bring him in here so often?

HAROLD BRIGHOUSE: HOBSON'S CHOICE (Cont.)

ALBERT: I'm terrible hard on bootlaces,
Miss Hobson. 35
MAGGIE puts a new boot on him
and laces it.

MAGGIE: Do you get through a pair a day?
You must be strong.

ALBERT: I keep a little stock of them. It's as 40
well to be prepared for accidents.

MAGGIE: And now you'll have boots to go
with the laces, Mr Prosser. How
does that feel?

ALBERT: Very comfortable. 45

MAGGIE: Try it standing up.

ALBERT: (trying and walking a few steps):
Yes, that fits all right.

MAGGIE: I'll put the other on.

ALBERT: Oh no, I really don't want to buy 50
them.

MAGGIE: (pushing him): Sit down, Mr
Prosser. You can't go through the
streets in odd boots.

ALBERT: What's the price of these? 55

MAGGIE: A pound.

ALBERT: A pound! I say –

MAGGIE: They're good boots, and you
don't need to buy a pair of laces
today, because we give them in 60
as discount. Braid laces, that is.
Of course, if you want leather
ones, you being so strong in the
arm and breaking so many pairs,
you can have them, only it's 65
tuppence more.

ALBERT: These – these will do.

HAROLD BRIGHOUSE: HOBSON'S CHOICE (Cont.)

- MAGGIE:** Very well, you'd better have the old pair mended and I'll send them home to you with the bill. 70
(She has laced the second boots, rises, and moves towards desk, throwing the boot box at VICKEY, who gives a little scream at the interruption of her reading. 75
ALBERT gasps).
- ALBERT:** Well, if anyone had told me I was coming in here to spend a pound I'd have called him crazy.
- MAGGIE:** It's not wasted. Those boots will last. Good morning, Mr Prosser. 80
(She holds door open.)
- ALBERT:** Good morning. (He looks blankly at ALICE and goes out).
- ALICE:** Maggie, we know you're a 85
pushing sales-woman, but—
- MAGGIE:** (returning to counter she picks up old boots and puts them on rack): It'll teach him to keep out of here a bit. He's too much time 90
on his hands.
- ALICE:** You know why he comes.
- MAGGIE:** I know it's time he paid a rent for coming. A pair of laces a day's not half enough. Coming here to 95
make sheep's eyes at you. I'm sick of the sight of him.
- ALICE:** It's all very well for an old maid like you to talk, but if father won't have us go courting, where else 100
can Albert meet me except here when father's out?

HAROLD BRIGHOUSE: HOBSON'S CHOICE (Cont.)

MAGGIE: If he wants to marry you why doesn't he do it?

ALICE: Courting must come first. **105**

MAGGIE: It needn't. (She picks up a slipper.) See that slipper with a fancy buckle on to make it pretty? Courting's like that, my lass. All glitter and no use to nobody. (She replaces slipper and sits at her desk.) **110**

EITHER 2 (a)

What makes this early conversation such an important moment in the play?

You should consider:

- **the situation between Albert and Alice**
- **what Maggie says and does**
- **the differences between Maggie and Alice. [27]**

OR 2 (b)

Explore ONE or TWO moments in the play when you find Willie Mossop's behaviour particularly entertaining.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play. [27]

ARTHUR MILLER: A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

- 3 (a) ALFIERI: Eddie, I want you to listen to me.
[Pause.] You know, sometimes
God mixes up the people. We all
love somebody, the wife, the kids
– every man's got somebody that 5
he loves, heh? But sometimes...
there's too much. You know?
There's too much, and it goes
where it mustn't. A man works
hard, he brings up a child, 10
sometimes it's a niece, sometimes
even a daughter, and he never
realizes it, but through the years
– there is too much love for the
daughter, there is too much love 15
for the niece. Do you understand
what I'm saying to you?
- EDDIE: [sardonically]: What do you mean,
I shouldn't look out for her good?
- ALFIERI: Yes, but those things have to end, 20
Eddie, that's all. The child has to
grow up and go away, and the man
has to learn to forget. Because
after all, Eddie – what other way
can it end? [Pause.] Let her go. 25
That's my advice. You did your
job, now it's her life; wish her luck,
and let her go. [Pause.] Will you
do that? Because there's no law,
Eddie; make up your mind to it; 30
the law is not interested in this.
- EDDIE: You mean to tell me, even if he's a
punk? If he's –
- ALFIERI: There's nothing you can do.
[EDDIE stands.] 35

ARTHUR MILLER: A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE (Cont.)

EDDIE: Well, all right, thanks. Thanks very much.

ALFIERI: What are you going to do?

EDDIE: [with a helpless but ironic gesture]: What can I do? I'm a patsy, what can a patsy do? I worked like a dog twenty years so a punk could have her, so that's what I done. I mean, in the worst times, in the worst, when there wasn't a ship comin' in the harbour, I didn't stand around lookin' for relief – I hustled. When there was empty piers in Brooklyn I went to Hoboken, Staten Island, the West Side, Jersey, all over – because I made a promise. I took out of my own mouth to give to her. I took out of my wife's mouth. I walked hungry plenty days in this city! [It begins to break through.] And now I gotta sit in my own house and look at a son-of-a-bitch punk like that – which he came out of nowhere! I give him my house to sleep! I take the blankets off my bed for him, and he takes and puts his dirty filthy hands on her like a goddam thief!

ALFIERI: [rising]: But, Eddie, she's a woman now.

EDDIE: He's stealing from me!

ALFIERI: She wants to get married, Eddie. She can't marry you, can she?

ARTHUR MILLER: A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE (Cont.)

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ARTHUR MILLER: A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE (Cont.)

EITHER 3 (a)

What makes this such a powerful and disturbing moment in the play?

You should consider:

- **what Alfieri says to Eddie**
- **how Eddie reacts to Alfieri's advice**
- **what Alfieri says after Eddie has left. [27]**

OR 3 (b)

In your view, what makes Marco such an important character in the play?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play. [27]

J B PRIESTLEY: AN INSPECTOR CALLS

- 4 (a) INSPECTOR: She appealed to your organization for help?
- MRS BIRLING: Yes.
- INSPECTOR: Not as Eva Smith?
- MRS BIRLING: No. Nor as Daisy Renton. 5
- INSPECTOR: As what then?
- MRS BIRLING: First, she called herself Mrs Birling—
- BIRLING: (astounded) Mrs Birling!
- MRS BIRLING: Yes, I think it was simply a 10
piece of gross impertinence
– quite deliberate – and
naturally that was one of the
things that prejudiced me
against her case. 15
- BIRLING: And I should think so!
Damned impudence!
- INSPECTOR: You admit being prejudiced
against her case?
- MRS BIRLING: Yes. 20
- SHEILA: Mother, she's just died a
horrible death – don't forget.
- MRS BIRLING: I'm very sorry. But I think
she had only herself to
blame. 25
- INSPECTOR: Was it owing to your
influence, as the most
prominent member of the
committee, that help was
refused the girl? 30
- MRS BIRLING: Possibly.
- INSPECTOR: Was it or was it not your
influence?

J B PRIESTLEY: AN INSPECTOR CALLS (Cont.)

MRS BIRLING: (stung) Yes, it was. I didn't like her manner. She'd impertinently made use of our name, though she pretended afterwards it just happened to be the first she thought of. She had to admit, after I began questioning her, that she had no claim to the name, that she wasn't married, and that the story she told at first – about a husband who'd deserted her – was quite false. It didn't take me long to get the truth – or some of the truth – out of her. 35 40 45 50

INSPECTOR: Why did she want help?

MRS BIRLING: You know very well why she wanted help.

INSPECTOR: No, I don't. I know why she needed help. But as I wasn't there, I don't know what she asked from the committee. 55

MRS BIRLING: I don't think we need discuss it.

INSPECTOR: You have no hope of not discussing it, Mrs Birling. 60

MRS BIRLING: If you think you can bring any pressure to bear upon me, Inspector, you're quite mistaken. Unlike the other three, I did nothing I'm ashamed of or that won't bear investigation. The girl 65

J B PRIESTLEY: AN INSPECTOR CALLS (Cont.)

	asked for assistance. We were asked to look carefully into the claims made upon us. I wasn't satisfied with the girl's claim – she seemed to me to be not a good case – and so I used my influence to have it refused. And in spite of what's happened to the girl since, I consider I did my duty. So if I prefer not to discuss it any further, you have no power to make me change my mind.	70
INSPECTOR:	Yes I have.	
MRS BIRLING:	No you haven't. Simply because I've done nothing wrong – and you know it.	75
INSPECTOR:	(very deliberately) I think you did something terribly wrong – and that you're going to spend the rest of your life regretting it. I wish you'd been with me tonight in the Infirmary. You'd have seen—	80
SHEILA:	(bursting in) No, no, please! Not that again. I've imagined it enough already.	85
INSPECTOR:	(very deliberately) Then the next time you imagine it, just remember that this girl was going to have a child.	90
SHEILA:	(horrified) No! Oh – horrible – horrible! How could she have wanted to kill herself?	95
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J B PRIESTLEY: AN INSPECTOR CALLS (Cont.)

INSPECTOR:	Because she'd been turned out and turned down too many times. This was the end.	105
SHEILA:	Mother, you must have known.	
INSPECTOR:	It was because she was going to have a child that she went for assistance to your mother's committee.	110
BIRLING:	Look here, this wasn't Gerald Croft—	115
INSPECTOR:	(cutting in, sharply) No, no. Nothing to do with him.	
SHEILA:	Thank goodness for that! Though I don't know why I should care now.	120
INSPECTOR:	(to MRS BIRLING) And you've nothing further to tell me, eh?	
MRS BIRLING:	I'll tell you what I told her. Go and look for the father of the child. It's his responsibility.	125

J B PRIESTLEY: AN INSPECTOR CALLS (Cont.)

EITHER 4 (a)

What do you think makes this such a powerful moment in the play?

You should consider:

- **what the Inspector says to Mrs Birling**
 - **Mrs Birling's attitude to him**
 - **how the passage ends. [27]**
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OR 4 (b)

What do you find memorable about the opening scene of the play, before the Inspector first enters?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play. [27]

WILLY RUSSELL: EDUCATING RITA

- 5 (a) RITA: Oh ey... leave that. I just like talkin' to y'. It's great. That's what they do wrong in schools y' know—(she gets up and warms her legs by the fire)—they get y' talkin' an' that, 5
an' y' all havin' a great time talkin' about somethin' an' the next thing they wanna do is turn it into a lesson. We was out with the teacher once, y' know outside school, an' 10
I'm right at the back with these other kids an' I saw this fantastic bird, all coloured it was, like dead out of place round our way. I was just gonna shout an' tell Miss but 15
this kid next to me said, 'Keep your mouth shut or she'll make us write an essay on it.'
- FRANK: (sighing) Yes, that's what we do, Rita; we call it education. 20
- RITA: Tch. Y'd think there was somethin' wrong with education to hear you talk.
- FRANK: Perhaps there is.
- RITA: So why are y' givin' me an education? 25
- FRANK: Because it's what you want, isn't it? What I'd actually like to do is take you by the hand and run out of this room forever. 30
- RITA: (going back to her chair) Tch—be serious...
- FRANK: I am. Right now there's a thousand things I'd rather do than teach; most them with you, young lady... 35

WILLY RUSSELL: EDUCATING RITA (Cont.)

- RITA: (smiling gently) Tch. Oh sod off...
You just like saying things like that.
(She sits down)
- FRANK: Do I?
- RITA: Yeh. Y' know y' do. 40
- FRANK: Rita—why didn't you walk in here
twenty years ago?
- RITA: Cos I don't think they would have
accepted me at the age of six.
- FRANK: You know what I mean. 45
- RITA: I know. But it's not twenty years
ago, Frank. It's now. You're there an'
I'm here.
- FRANK: Yes. And you're here for an
education. (He waves his finger) 50
You must keep reminding me of
that. Come on, Forster!
- RITA: Tch. Forget him.
- FRANK: Listen to me; you said that I was
going to teach you. You want to 55
learn. Well that, I'm afraid, means
a lot of work. You've barely had
a basic schooling, you've never
passed an examination in your life.
Possessing a hungry mind is not, in 60
itself, a guarantee of success.
- RITA: All right. But I just don't like
Howards bleedin' End.
- FRANK: Then go back to what you do like
and stop wasting my time. You go 65
out and buy yourself a new dress
and I'll go to the pub.
- RITA: (after a pause) Is that you putting
your foot down?
- FRANK: It is actually. 70

WILLY RUSSELL: EDUCATING RITA (Cont.)

RITA: Oh. Aren't you impressive when y'
angry?

FRANK: Forster!

RITA: All right, all right, Forster. Does
Forster's repeated use of the
phrase 'only connect' suggest
that he was really a frustrated
electrician? **75**

FRANK: Rita.

RITA: In considering Forster it helps if we
examine the thirteen amp plug... **80**
Black-out
RITA goes out

EITHER 5 (a)

What do you think makes this such an
entertaining and important moment in
the play?

You should consider:

- what Rita says about school and
education
- how Frank responds to her
- Rita's situation at this point in the
play. [27]

OR 5 (b)

In your view, what does Frank gain from
having Rita as a student?

Remember to support your ideas with
details from the play. [27]

R C SHERRIFF: JOURNEY'S END

- 6 (a) TROTTER [stifling a hiccup]: Just a cup o' tea – then I'll go and relieve young Raleigh. Pity 'e didn't come down to supper.
- STANHOPE: I told him to. I told him to come down for an hour and let the sergeant-major take over. 5
- TROTTER: I wonder why 'e didn't come.
- HIBBERT: That lad's too keen on his 'duty'. He told me he liked being up there with the men better than down here with us. 10
- STANHOPE [quietly]: He said that?
- HIBBERT: Yes. I told him about the chicken and champagne and cigars – and he stared at me and said, 'You're not having that, are you?' – just as if he thought we were going to chuck it away! 15
- TROTTER: I reckon that raid shook 'im up more'n we thought. I like that youngster. 'E's got pluck. Strong lad, too – the way he came back through the smoke after that raid, carrying that Boche under 'is arm like a baby. 20
- HIBBERT: Did you see him afterwards, though? He came into that dugout and never said a word – didn't seem to know where he was. 25
- TROTTER: Well, 'e's only a lad. 30

R C SHERRIFF: JOURNEY'S END (Cont.)

STANHOPE [to **HIBBERT**]: He actually told you he preferred being up with the men better than down here? **35**

HIBBERT: That's what he said.

TROTTER: Well, I 'ope 'e gets the MC, that's all; 'e's just the kid I'd like if ever I 'ave a kid – strong and plucky. **40**

STANHOPE: Oh, for God's sake forget that bloody raid! Think I want to talk about it? **45**

TROTTER [surprised]: No – but, after all –

STANHOPE: Well – shut up!

TROTTER [uneasily]: All right – all right.

STANHOPE: We were having a jolly decent evening till you started blabbing about the war. **50**

TROTTER I didn't start it.

STANHOPE: You did.

TROTTER: You began it about – **55**

STANHOPE: Well, for God's sake stop it, then!

TROTTER: All right – all right.

HIBBERT: Did I ever tell you the story about the girl I met in Soho? **60**

STANHOPE: I don't know – I expect you did.

HIBBERT [undismayed]: It'll amuse you. I'd been to a dance, and I was coming home quite late –

STANHOPE: Yes, and it's late now. You go on duty at eleven. You better go and get some sleep. **65**

HIBBERT: It's all right. I'm as fresh as a daisy.

R C SHERRIFF: JOURNEY'S END (Cont.)

STANHOPE:	You may be. But go to bed.	70
HIBBERT:	What?	
STANHOPE	[louder]: I said, 'Go to bed!'	
HIBBERT:	I say, that's a nice end to a jolly evening!	
STANHOPE:	I'm sorry. I'm tired.	75
HIBBERT	[perkily]: Well, you better go to bed!	
	[There is silence. STANHOPE looks at HIBBERT, who sniggers.]	80
STANHOPE:	What was that you said?	
HIBBERT:	I was only joking.	
STANHOPE:	I asked you what you said.	
HIBBERT:	I said, 'You better go to bed.'	
	[STANHOPE's flushed face is looking full into HIBBERT's. HIBBERT gives the ghost of a snigger.]	85
STANHOPE:	Clear out of here!	
HIBBERT	[rising unsteadily]: What – what d' you mean.	90
STANHOPE:	Get out of here, for God's sake!	
HIBBERT	[blustering]: I say – look here –	
STANHOPE:	Get out of my sight!	
	[With a frightened glance at STANHOPE, HIBBERT sneaks quietly away into his dugout. There is silence, and the guns can be heard – deep and ominous.]	95
	Little worm gets on my nerves.	100

R C SHERRIFF: JOURNEY'S END (Cont.)

EITHER 6 (a)

What do you think makes this such a powerful moment in the play?

You should consider:

- **the situation at this point**
 - **Stanhope's behaviour and state of mind**
 - **how the tension builds up in the passage. [27]**
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OR 6 (b)

What do you think makes Trotter such an entertaining and important character in the play?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play. [27]

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