## Quick Quiz - How well do you know ACT 2?

## 1 mark for correct answer, bonus mark per quote to back up your answer

- 1. How would you describe the mood in the dining room at the beginning of Act Two?
- 2. How does the Inspector remind Sheila of her guilt on page 29 in such a way as to be protecting her? How is this a clever technique?
- 3. How does Mrs Birling try to assert her authority on page 29, 30 and 31?
- 4. Why and how does Sheila try to change her mother's approach?
- 5. What does Mrs Birling reveal about her view when she says, 'girls of that class...'?
- 6. What does Mrs Birling's being 'staggered' about Eric's drinking reveal about their family relationship?
- 7. How does the conversation about Eric foreshadow later events and create suspense?
- 8. Why does Sheila respond 'wildly with a laugh' No he's giving us the rope- so that we'll hang ourselves'? What does she mean by this and what is implied by the way she states it?
- 9. Why does Gerald become distressed as he recounts his story and how might he be feeling?
- 10. What is the Inspector suggesting about class and the Birling's parenting techniques when he states, 'Your daughter isn't living on the moon. She's here in Brumley too.'?
- 11. Why do you think Daisy Renton knew the affair with Gerald 'couldn't last'?
- 12. What does Sheila mean when says, 'You and I aren't the same people who sat down to dinner here'? What could she be saying about Gerald and about herself?
- 13. How does Sheila show a sense of collective responsibility on page 41?
- 14. How does the Inspector's attitude start to change as the act progresses?
- 15. How does the inspector trick Mrs Birling into condemning her own son?