Advanced Placement English

## **Ibsen: A Doll’s House**

Answer each of the following questions completely.

1. What nicknames does Torvald call Nora throughout the play? What do these nicknames suggest about their relationship?
2. Describe an early scene that foreshadows a later event.
3. Nora commiserates with Kristine over the loss of Kristine’s husband. When Nora asks her if he left her anything, Kristine replies: “Not even a sense of loss to feed on.” What is the significance of this reply?
4. Why couldn’t Nora borrow money legitimately? Why hasn’t Nora confided to Torvald how she acquired the money to travel South when he was so ill?
5. What kind of man is Krogstad? What is his role in the play?
6. Why do you think Ibsen parallels the crimes of Nora and Krogstad?
7. How does Torvald feel about Krogstad?
8. What is Doctor Rank’s role in the play?
9. How does Nora analyze Torvald’s love for her?
10. Explain the significance of the tarantella.
11. How does Torvald react to the truth of their situation? How does Nora expect him to react?
12. Explain Torvald’s attitude toward children and their upbringing.
13. Once Torvald’s personal stress has been relieved, what magnanimous gesture does he make in Nora’s direction?
14. At the end of the play, how does Nora analyze and evaluate her life?
15. What does Nora mean by a “true marriage?”

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