

# Practice Questions



Here are some delightful exam-style questions to tickle your taste buds. Don't rush them — take five minutes or so to plan each answer and use the P.E.E.D. method (see p. 17) to explain your ideas clearly.

**Q1** Explain how different attitudes towards love are presented in the play. Refer to the extract below and to the play as a whole.

**Mercutio:** Romeo! Humours! Madman! Passion! Lover! Appear thou in the likeness of a sigh, Speak but one rhyme, and I am satisfied. Cry but 'Ay me!' pronounce but 'love' and 'dove', Speak to my gossip Venus one fair word, One nickname for her purblind son and heir, Young Adam Cupid, he that shot so trim, When King Cophetua loved the beggar-maid! He heareth not, he stirreth not, he moveth not, The ape is dead, and I must conjure him. I conjure thee by Rosaline's bright eyes, By her high forehead and her scarlet lip, By her fine foot, straight leg and quivering thigh And the demesnes that there adjacent lie, That in thy likeness thou appear to us!

**Benvolio:** And if he hear thee, thou wilt anger him.

**Mercutio:** This cannot anger him. 'Twould anger him To raise a spirit in his mistress' circle Of some strange nature, letting it there stand Till she had laid it and conjured it down; That were some spite. My invocation Is fair and honest, in his mistress' name I conjure only but to raise up him.

**Benvolio:** Come, he hath hid himself among these trees, To be consorted with the humorous night. Blind is his love and best befits the dark.

**Mercutio:** If love be blind, love cannot hit the mark. (Act 2, Scene 1, lines 7-33)

**Q2** Read Act 3, Scene 5, lines 204-234. Explain the significance of the theme of religion in *Romeo and Juliet*. Use the extract to support your answer.

**Q3** Read Act 5, Scene 3, lines 190-222. Explain how the feud between the Montague family and the Capulet family is presented in this extract and in the rest of the play.

**Q4** Read Act 4, Scene 2, lines 16-47, then answer the questions below.

a) How is the relationship between Juliet and Capulet presented in this extract?

b) In this extract, Capulet is pleased that Juliet will marry Paris. How does Shakespeare explore ideas about marriage in other parts of the play? In your answer, you should consider:

- different ideas about marriage in the play
- how these ideas affect characters' actions in the play.

