

## Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 5 Scene 3 of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Romeo is trying to enter Juliet's tomb, unaware that Paris is standing guard.

	<b>PARIS</b>
	This is that banish'd haughty Montague, That murder'd my love's cousin, with which grief, It is supposed, the fair creature died; And here is come to do some villanous shame
5	To the dead bodies: I will apprehend him. Comes forward Stop thy unhallow'd toil, vile Montague! Can vengeance be pursued further than death? Condemned villain, I do apprehend thee:
10	Obey, and go with me; for thou must die. <b>ROMEO</b>
	I must indeed; and therefore came I hither. Good gentle youth, tempt not a desperate man; Fly hence, and leave me: think upon these gone; Let them affright thee. I beseech thee, youth,
15	Put not another sin upon my head, By urging me to fury: O, be gone! By heaven, I love thee better than myself; For I come hither arm'd against myself:
20	Stay not, be gone; live, and hereafter say, A madman's mercy bade thee run away. <b>PARIS</b>
	I do defy thy conjurations, And apprehend thee for a felon here. <b>ROMEO</b>
	Wilt thou provoke me? then have at thee, boy! They fight <b>PAGE</b>
25	O Lord, they fight! I will go call the watch. <i>Exit</i> <b>PARIS</b>
	O, I am slain! <i>Falls</i> If thou be merciful,
30	Open the tomb, lay me with Juliet. <i>Dies</i>

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Starting with this exchange, explore how Shakespeare presents attitudes to honour and justice in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Write about:

- what Romeo and Paris are trying to do in this exchange.
- how Shakespeare presents attitudes to honour and justice in the play as a whole.

[30 marks]

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Turn over for the next question