

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.

	PARIS
	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. ROMEO
	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. PARIS
	I do defy thy conjurations, And apprehend thee for a felon here. ROMEO
	Wilt thou provoke me? then have at thee, boy! They fight PAGE
25	O Lord, they fight! I will go call the watch. <i>Exit</i> PARIS
	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