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**Section B Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet**

Choose **ONE** question.

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

**EITHER**

**4** Explore how Mercutio’s attitude towards Tybalt, and others, influences events in the play. Refer to this extract from Act 3 Scene 1 and elsewhere in the play.

*In this extract Tybalt and other Capulets approach Benvolio and Mercutio in a public place.*

BENVOLIO

By my head, here comes the Capulets.

MERCUTIO

By my heel, I care not.

TYBALT

Follow me close, for I will speak to them.

Gentlemen, good den; a word with one of you.

MERCUTIO

And but one word with one of us?

Couple it with something; make it a word and a blow.

TYBALT

You shall find me apt enough to that, sir, an you will give me occasion.

MERCUTIO

Could you not take some occasion without giving?

TYBALT

Mercutio, thou consortest with Romeo.

MERCUTIO

Consort! What, dost thou make us minstrels? An thou make minstrels of us, look to hear nothing but discords. Here’s my fiddlestick; here’s that shall make you dance. Zounds, consort!

BENVOLIO

We talk here in the public haunt of men;

Either withdraw unto some private place,

Or reason coldly of your grievances,

Or else depart; here all eyes gaze on us.

MERCUTIO

Men’s eyes were made to look, and let them gaze;

I will not budge for no man’s pleasure, I.

*Enter* ROMEO

TYBALT

Well, peace be with you, sir. Here comes my man.

MERCUTIO

But I’ll be hang’d, sir, if he wear your livery.

Marry, go before to field, he’ll be your follower;

Your worship in that sense may call him man.

**OR**

**5** How and why do you think Juliet’s relationship with the Nurse changes during the course of the play?