**Section B**

**Shakespeare**

**Romeo and Juliet**

Choose **ONE** question. [40 Marks]

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

**Extract 1**

Explore how this scene influences events in the play. Refer to this extract from Act 1 Scene 2 and elsewhere in the play.

*In this extract Benvolio and Romeo have just read the guest list for the Capulets’ feast, which includes Rosaline, the current object of Romeo’s desire.*

**BENVOLIO**

At this same ancient feast of Capulet's  
Sups the fair Rosaline whom thou so lovest,  
With all the admired beauties of Verona:  
Go thither; and, with unattainted eye,  
Compare her face with some that I shall show,  
And I will make thee think thy swan a crow.

**ROMEO**

When the devout religion of mine eye  
Maintains such falsehood, then turn tears to fires;  
And these, who often drown'd could never die,  
Transparent heretics, be burnt for liars!  
One fairer than my love! the all-seeing sun  
Ne'er saw her match since first the world begun.

**BENVOLIO**

Tut, you saw her fair, none else being by,  
Herself poised with herself in either eye:  
But in that crystal scales let there be weigh'd  
Your lady's love against some other maid  
That I will show you shining at this feast,  
And she shall scant show well that now shows best.

**ROMEO**

I'll go along, no such sight to be shown,  
But to rejoice in splendor of mine own.

*Exeunt*

**OR**

**5** Why do you think Romeo’s relationship with Mercutio is important? Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas.