**Section B**

**Shakespeare**

**Romeo and Juliet**

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

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

**Extract 2**

Explore the presentation of relationships in this scene and how it influences events in the play. Refer to this extract from Act 1 Scene 3 and elsewhere in the play.

*In this extract Lady Capulet informs Juliet and the Nurse that Paris has asked for Juliet’s hand in marriage.*

**Lady Capulet**

Enough of this; I pray thee, hold thy peace.

**Nurse**

Yes, madam: yet I cannot choose but laugh,
To think it should leave crying and say 'Ay.'
And yet, I warrant, it had upon its brow
A bump as big as a young cockerel's stone;
A parlous knock; and it cried bitterly:
'Yea,' quoth my husband,'fall'st upon thy face?
Thou wilt fall backward when thou comest to age;
Wilt thou not, Jule?' it stinted and said 'Ay.'

**Juliet**

And stint thou too, I pray thee, nurse, say I.

**Nurse**

Peace, I have done. God mark thee to his grace!
Thou wast the prettiest babe that e'er I nursed:
An I might live to see thee married once,
I have my wish.

**Lady Capulet**

Marry, that 'marry' is the very theme
I came to talk of. Tell me, daughter Juliet,
How stands your disposition to be married?

**Juliet**

It is an honour that I dream not of.

**Nurse**

An honour! were not I thine only nurse,
I would say thou hadst suck'd wisdom from thy teat.

**Lady Capulet**

Well, think of marriage now; younger than you,
Here in Verona, ladies of esteem,
Are made already mothers: by my count,
I was your mother much upon these years
That you are now a maid. Thus then in brief:
The valiant Paris seeks you for his love.

**OR**

**5** How and why do you think Juliet’s relationship with Romeo is under pressure? Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas.