

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from *Act 1 Scene 2* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Capulet is advising Paris on how best to win over Juliet.

	CAPULET
	And too soon marr'd are those so early made. The earth hath swallow'd all my hopes but she, She is the hopeful lady of my earth: But woo her, gentle Paris, get her heart, 5 My will to her consent is but a part; An she agree, within her scope of choice Lies my consent and fair according voice. This night I hold an old accustom'd feast, Where to I have invited many a guest, 10 Such as I love; and you, among the store, One more, most welcome, makes my number more. At my poor house look to behold this night Earth-treading stars that make dark heaven light: Such comfort as do lusty young men feel 15 When well-apparell'd April on the heel Of limping winter treads, even such delight Among fresh female buds shall you this night Inherit at my house; hear all, all see, And like her most whose merit most shall be: 20 Which on more view, of many mine being one May stand in number, though in reckoning none, Come, go with me. <i>To Servant, giving a paper</i> 25 Go, sirrah, trudge about Through fair Verona; find those persons out Whose names are written there, and to them say, My house and welcome on their pleasure stay.

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Starting with this extract, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents Capulet as a figure of generosity and kindness.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents the character of Capulet in this extract
- how Shakespeare presents the character of Capulet in the play as a whole.

[30 marks]
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Turn over for the next question