

**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.

	<b>CAPULET</b>
	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]**  
**AO4 [4 marks]**

Turn over for the next question