

**Romeo and Juliet**

Read this extract from *Act 2 Scene 6* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Romeo is about to marry Juliet.

	<b>Enter FRIAR LAURENCE and ROMEO</b>
	<b>FRIAR LAURENCE</b>
	So smile the heavens upon this holy act, That after hours with sorrow chide us not!
	<b>ROMEO</b>
5	Amen, amen! but come what sorrow can, It cannot countervail the exchange of joy That one short minute gives me in her sight: Do thou but close our hands with holy words, Then love-devouring death do what he dare; It is enough I may but call her mine.
	<b>FRIAR LAURENCE</b>
10	These violent delights have violent ends And in their triumph die, like fire and powder, Which as they kiss consume: the sweetest honey Is loathsome in his own deliciousness And in the taste confounds the appetite: Therefore love moderately; long love doth so;
15	Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.
	<b>Enter JULIET</b>
	Here comes the lady: O, so light a foot Will ne'er wear out the everlasting flint: A lover may bestride the gossamer That idles in the wanton summer air, 20 And yet not fall; so light is vanity.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents the integrity of marriage.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents marriage in this extract.
- how Shakespeare presents marriage as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question