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**Romeo and Juliet**

Read this extract from Act 3 Scene 5 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Lady Capulet is visiting Juliet the morning after the death of Tybalt, with Romeo having just left her.

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	<b>JULIET</b> Madam, I am not well.
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> Evermore weeping for your cousin's death? What, wilt thou wash him from his grave with tears? An if thou couldst, thou couldst not make him live;
5	Therefore, have done: some grief shows much of love; But much of grief shows still some want of wit.
	<b>JULIET</b> Yet let me weep for such a feeling loss.
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> So shall you feel the loss, but not the friend Which you weep for.
10	<b>JULIET</b> Feeling so the loss, Cannot choose but ever weep the friend.
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> Well, girl, thou weep'st not so much for his death, As that the villain lives which slaughter'd him.
	<b>JULIET</b> What villain madam?
15	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> That same villain, Romeo.
	<b>JULIET</b> [Aside] Villain and he be many miles asunder.-- God Pardon him! I do, with all my heart; And yet no man like he doth grieve my heart.
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> That is, because the traitor murderer lives.
20	<b>JULIET</b> Ay, madam, from the reach of these my hands: Would none but I might venge my cousin's death!
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b> We will have vengeance for it, fear thou not: Then weep no more. I'll send to one in Mantua, Where that same banish'd runagate doth live,
25	Shall give him such an unaccustom'd dram, That he shall soon keep Tybalt company: And then, I hope, thou wilt be satisfied.

Starting with this conversation, explore how Shakespeare presents the role of women

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents women in this conversation.
- how Shakespeare presents women in the play as a whole.

**[30 marks]**  
**AO4 [4 marks]**

**Turn over for the next question**