

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 5 Scene 2 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Friar John has returned unsuccessfully from trying to deliver Friar Laurence's letter to Romeo.

	FRIAR JOHN
	Going to find a bare-foot brother out One of our order, to associate me, Here in this city visiting the sick, And finding him, the searchers of the town, Suspecting that we both were in a house Where the infectious pestilence did reign, Seal'd up the doors, and would not let us forth; So that my speed to Mantua there was stay'd.
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	FRIAR LAURENCE
	Who bare my letter, then, to Romeo?
10	FRIAR JOHN
	I could not send it,--here it is again,-- Nor get a messenger to bring it thee, So fearful were they of infection.
	FRIAR LAURENCE
15	Unhappy fortune! by my brotherhood, The letter was not nice but full of charge Of dear import, and the neglecting it May do much danger. Friar John, go hence; Get me an iron crow, and bring it straight Unto my cell.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents fate as controlling characters..

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents fate in this extract.
- how Shakespeare presents fate in the play as a whole.

[30 marks]
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Turn over for the next question