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***Romeo and Juliet***

Read this extract from *Act 1 Scene 3* of Romeo and Julietand then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Lady Capulet and the Nurse are trying to persuade Juliet to accept Paris’ marriage proposal.

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| **LADY CAPULET**  What say you? can you love the gentleman?  This night you shall behold him at our feast;  Read o'er the volume of young Paris' face,  And find delight writ there with beauty's pen;  5  Examine every married lineament,  And see how one another lends content  And what obscured in this fair volume lies  Find written in the margent of his eyes.  This precious book of love, this unbound lover,  10  To beautify him, only lacks a cover:  The fish lives in the sea, and 'tis much pride  For fair without the fair within to hide:  That book in many's eyes doth share the glory,  That in gold clasps locks in the golden story;  15  So shall you share all that he doth possess,  By having him, making yourself no less.  **Nurse**  No less! nay, bigger; women grow by men.  **LADY CAPULET**  Speak briefly, can you like of Paris' love?  **JULIET**  I'll look to like, if looking liking move:  20  But no more deep will I endart mine eye  Than your consent gives strength to make it fly.  **LADY CAPULET**  Juliet, the county stays.  **Nurse**  Go, girl, seek happy nights to happy days.  *Exeunt*  20 |

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In this extract, explore how does Shakespeare presents the nature of motherhood.

Write about:

• how Shakespeare presents mothers in this extract.

You should refer to language and structure.

**Turn over for the next question**

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