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***Romeo and Juliet***

Read this extract from *Act 1 Scene 5* of Romeo and Julietand then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Romeo and Juliet are having their first conversation.

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| **ROMEO**  [To JULIET] If I profane with my unworthiest hand  This holy shrine, the gentle fine is this:  My lips, two blushing pilgrims, ready stand  To smooth that rough touch with a tender kiss.  **JULIET**  5  Good pilgrim, you do wrong your hand too much,  Which mannerly devotion shows in this;  For saints have hands that pilgrims' hands do touch,  And palm to palm is holy palmers' kiss.  **ROMEO**  Have not saints lips, and holy palmers too?  **JULIET**  10  Ay, pilgrim, lips that they must use in prayer.  **ROMEO**  O, then, dear saint, let lips do what hands do;  They pray, grant thou, lest faith turn to despair.  **JULIET**  Saints do not move, though grant for prayers' sake.  **ROMEO**  Then move not, while my prayer's effect I take.  15  Thus from my lips, by yours, my sin is purged.  **JULIET**  Then have my lips the sin that they have took.  **ROMEO**  Sin from thy lips? O trespass sweetly urged!  Give me my sin again.  **JULIET**  You kiss by the book**.**.  20 |

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In this extract, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents Romeo and Juliet as a couple in love.

Write about:

• how Shakespeare presents Romeo and Juliet’s relationship in this extract.

You should refer to language and structure.

**Turn over for the next question**

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