**Read the following extract from Act 1Scene 1 of A Midsummer Night’s Dream and then answer the question that follows.**

**Write in PEA paragraphs: your teacher will tell you how many but you should aim for 5.**

**At this point in the play Theseus (The Duke of Athens) and Hippolyta (The Queen of the Amazons) are preparing to get married. Egeus comes in angry that his daughter refuses to marry the man he has chosen for her: Demetrius.**

**THESEUS**

Thanks, good Egeus: what's the news with thee?

**EGEUS**

Full of vexation come I, with complaint
Against my child, my daughter Hermia.
Stand forth, Demetrius. My noble lord,
This man hath my consent to marry her.
Stand forth, Lysander: and my gracious duke,
This man hath bewitch'd the bosom of my child;
Thou, thou, Lysander, thou hast given her rhymes,
And interchanged love-tokens with my child:
Thou hast by moonlight at her window sung,
With feigning voice verses of feigning love,
And stolen the impression of her fantasy
With bracelets of thy hair, rings, gawds, conceits,
Knacks, trifles, nosegays, sweetmeats, messengers
Of strong prevailment in unharden'd youth:
With cunning hast thou filch'd my daughter's heart,
Turn'd her obedience, which is due to me,
To stubborn harshness: and, my gracious duke,
Be it so she; will not here before your grace
Consent to marry with Demetrius,
I beg the ancient privilege of Athens,
As she is mine, I may dispose of her:
Which shall be either to this gentleman
Or to her death, according to our law
Immediately provided in that case.

Starting with this speech and using your classroom notes and tasks, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents Egeus as a loving father.

• How Shakespeare presents Egeus in this speech