Six practice exam questions *Romeo* *and* *Juliet* by William Shakespeare

**Read** **the** **following** **extract** **from** **Act** **4** **Scene** **3** **then** **answer** **the** **question** **that** **follows.**

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| At this point in the play, Juliet is about to drink the sleeping potion which the Friar has given her. |
| **Juliet** What if it be a poison, which the Friar Subtly hath ministered to have me dead,  Lest in this marriage he should be dishonoured Because he married me before to Romeo?  I fear it is, and yet methinks it should not, 5 For he hath still been tried a holy man.  How if, when I am laid into the tomb, I wake before the time that Romeo  Come to redeem me? There’s a fearful point!  Shall I not then be stifled in the vault, 10 To whose foul mouth no healthsome air breathes  in,  And there die strangled ere my Romeo comes? Or if I live, is it not very like,  The horrible conceit of death and night, 15 Together with the terror of the place —  As in a vault, an ancient receptacle,  Where for this many hundred years the bones Of all my buried ancestors are packed:  Where bloody Tybalt, yet but green in earth, 20 Lies fest’ring in his shroud, where, as they say,  At some hours in the night spirits resort — Alack, alack, is it not like that I,  So early waking, what with loathsome smells,  And shrieks like mandrakes torn out of the earth, 25 That living mortals, hearing them, run mad —  O, if I wake, shall I not be distraught, Environèd with all these hideous fears?  And madly play with my forefather’s joints?  And pluck the mangled Tybalt from his shroud? 30 And in this rage, with some great kinsman’s bone,  As with a club, dash out my desp’rate brains? O look! Methinks I see my cousin’s ghost Seeking out Romeo that did spit his body  Upon a rapier’s point! Stay, Tybalt, stay! 35 Romeo, Romeo, Romeo! Here’s drink. I drink to  thee.  *[She* *drinks* *and* *falls* *upon* *her* *bed* *within* *the* *curtains.]* |

**Starting** **with** **this** **extract,** **explain** **how** **far** **you** **think** **that** **Shakespeare** **presents** **Juliet** **as** **a** **frightened** **young** **woman.**

Write about:

 How Shakespeare presents Juliet in this scene

 How Shakespeare presents Juliet in the rest of the play.

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