

Exam: *Romeo & Juliet*

Student Name:

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Please read all directions carefully. This test is worth 50 points.

Character identification (1 point each, 10 points possible): Write the name of the applicable character in the blank space provided.

1. _____ kills Mercutio.
2. _____ conducts the marriage ceremony for Romeo and Juliet secretly in his cell.
3. _____ is a servant for the Montagues.
4. _____ is one of the servants for the Capulets.
5. _____ kills Tybalt.
6. _____ is going to be 14 years old on Lammas Eve.
7. _____ is the Nurse's actual name.
8. _____ kills Paris.
9. _____ is the head of Verona's government.
10. _____ is the city to where Romeo flees when he is banished.

Multiple choice (1 point each, 10 points possible): Circle the best answer for each question. Each question only has ONE correct answer.

11. How many deaths occur during the play?
 - A. Four
 - B. Five
 - C. Six
 - D. Seven
12. What is the significance of Mercutio's telling Romeo about Queen Mab?
 - A. He tells Romeo about his favorite childhood bedtime story.
 - B. He tells Romeo that dreams are not that important.
 - C. He compares Rosaline to Queen Mab.
 - D. He tries to convince Romeo to fall for Queen Mab instead of Rosaline.

13. What is the chronological order of deaths that occur during the play?
- A. Mercutio, Tybalt, Lady Montague, Juliet, Romeo, Paris
 - B. Mercutio, Tybalt, Lady Montague, Paris, Juliet, Romeo
 - C. Mercutio, Tybalt, Lady Montague, Paris, Romeo, Juliet
 - D. Mercutio, Tybalt, Paris, Romeo, Juliet, Lady Montague
14. What does the Nurse tell Juliet is her initial reaction to Romeo?
- A. He's not the most polite boy in the world, but he has a good enough heart.
 - B. She hates him because he is a Montague.
 - C. She prefers him to Paris as a suitor for Juliet.
 - D. The Nurse never expresses her opinion on Romeo to Juliet one way or the other.
15. Capulet can best be described as:
- A. A kind man who wants his daughter to make her own decisions regarding marriage.
 - B. A cruel man who only cares about marrying his daughter off to Count Paris.
 - C. An easily angered man who demands obedience from everyone in his household.
 - D. Both A and B.
 - E. Both B and C.
 - F. Both A and C.
 - G. A, B, and C.
16. Which of the following letter correspondences does NOT occur in the play?
- A. Romeo writes a letter to his father explaining his choices and behavior.
 - B. Juliet writes a letter to her parents explaining her choices and behavior.
 - C. Friar Laurence writes to Romeo, explaining Juliet's 'fake death' so he will not panic when he hears that she has died.
 - D. Tybalt writes to Romeo after seeing him at Capulet's party.
17. What happens to Juliet's ring at the end of the play?
- A. Romeo finds it on Juliet's finger in the Capulet tomb.
 - B. Romeo sells it to the Apothecary in exchange for poison to kill himself.
 - C. Paris takes it from Romeo to avenge his family.
 - D. Juliet gives it to Friar Laurence to give to Romeo.
18. What is significant about the writing style of the Prologue of *Romeo & Juliet*?
- A. It is written in limericks.
 - B. It is written in iambic pentameter.
 - C. It is written as a soliloquy.
 - D. It is written as a ballad.

19. Why does Romeo decide to go to Capulet's party in Act I?
- A. He likes to dance.
 - B. He is obeying the wishes of his father.
 - C. He learns that Rosaline will be there.
 - D. He wants to steal something from the Capulet household.
20. Why do Romeo and Juliet refer to themselves and one another as “saint” and “palmer” during Capulet's party?
- A. Juliet is dressed as a saint, and Romeo is dressed as a palmer.
 - B. Juliet is in the process of becoming a nun.
 - C. Romeo is being sarcastic because he really finds all Capulets to be evil.
 - D. Romeo is dressed as a saint, and Juliet is dressed as a palmer.

True or false? (1 point each, 10 points possible)

21. ____ Benvolio is one of Tybalt's best friends.
22. ____ Romeo's friends make fun of the Nurse for being large and silly-looking.
23. ____ Juliet's father is the King of Verona.
24. ____ Peter is Lord Montague's first name.
25. ____ Romeo kills himself because he mistakenly believes that Juliet is already dead.
26. ____ Lady Capulet kills herself out of grief for Juliet's death.
27. ____ *Romeo & Juliet* is a comedy.
28. ____ The Nurse often says things that are inappropriate or that overstep her position in Capulet's household.
29. ____ Friar Laurence is executed at the end of the play for his part in Romeo and Juliet's deaths.
30. ____ Paris and Mercutio are both kinsmen of Prince Escalus.

Quote identification: Read each quote carefully, and then answer the questions pertaining to that quote. Each identification is worth 1 point – 3 points per quote, 15 points possible for this section.

31. "O Romeo, Romeo, / Wherefore art thou Romeo? / Deny thy father and refuse thy name, / Or if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love, / And I'll no longer be a Capulet" (II, ii, 31-34, 307).

- a) Who is speaking? _____
 - b) What does "wherefore" mean? _____
 - c) What is the speaker asking Romeo to do? _____
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32. "He jests at scars that never felt a wound" (II, ii, 1, 307).

- a) Who is speaking? _____
- b) What are the "scars"? What is the "wound"? _____
- c) Who is "he" referring to? _____

33. "What, drawn, and talk of peace? I hate the word / As I hate hell, all Montagues, and thee. / Have at thee, coward!" (I, i, 48-51, 288).

- a) Who is speaking? _____
- b) Who is the "coward"? _____
- c) Is the speaker a Montague or a Capulet? _____

34. "My father Capulet will have it so; / And I am nothing slow to slack his haste" (IV, i, 2-3, 340).

- a) Who is speaking? _____
- b) Who is the speaker talking to? _____
- c) What does "it" refer to? _____

35. "A glooming peace this morning with it brings, / The sun, for sorrow, will not show his head. / Go hence, to have more talk of these sad things; / Some shall be pardoned, and some punished. / For never was there a story of more woe / Than this of Juliet and her Romeo" (V, iii, 305-310, 361).

- a) Who is speaking? _____
 - b) What are the "sad things"? _____
 - c) Name one character who may be "pardoned or punished" after the events of the play. _____
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Short answer (1 point each, 5 points possible).

36. Why do Romeo and Juliet consider Romeo's being banished even worse than if he had been sentenced to death?
37. What is one fear that Juliet has just prior to drinking the potion from Friar Laurence (Act IV).
38. What is Capulet saying about Juliet when he notes, "Death lies upon her like an untimely frost / Upon the sweetest flower of all the field" (IV, v, 22-23, 348).
39. To whom is Mercutio referring when he shouts, "A plague o' both your houses!" (III, i, 94, 323)? Why is he saying this?
40. Explain what Juliet might mean when she tells Romeo, "You kiss by th' book" (I, v, 92, 304).

Study Guide: *Romeo & Juliet*

- Characters (know which family they come from)
 - Romeo
 - Juliet
 - Lord & Lady Capulet
 - Lord & Lady Montague
 - Friar Laurence
 - Mercutio
 - Tybalt
 - Benvolio
 - Rosaline
 - The Nurse
 - Count Paris
 - Prince Escalus
- Character deaths (chronological order; know how they die):
 - Mercutio
 - Tybalt
 - Lady Montague
 - Paris
 - Romeo
 - Juliet
- Places to know:
 - Verona
 - Mantua
- Things to consider:
 - How old is Juliet during the play?
 - What is iambic pentameter, and why is it important in this play?
 - Why does Mercutio tell Romeo the Queen Mab story (Act I, scene iv).
 - What is Capulet's temperament in the play?
 - What is a soliloquy?
 - Why is *Romeo & Juliet* a tragedy?
- Quote identification: You will have five quote identification questions on the exam. You will be expected to answer three questions for each question. Here is an example:

Quote: "You kiss by the book" (I, v, 92, 304).

- a) Who is speaking? (Answer: Juliet.)
- b) Who is "you" referring to? (Answer: Romeo.)
- c) What might the speaker mean by this? (Possible answer: "Juliet thinks Romeo follows all the rules of kissing; he doesn't overstep his boundaries.")