**Romeo and Juliet – Act 3 Answers**

**ACT 3 SCENE 1**

1. Why do you think Tybalt approaches Mercutio and Benvolio and wants a “word” with one of them (line 36)?

I think that Tybalt approaches Mercutio and Benvolio and wants a word with one of them because he is on hunting down Romeo.

2. Mercutio tries to provoke Tybalt to fight (lines 37-38). Why doesn’t Tybalt want to fight him (line 53)?

Tybalt does not want to fight Mercutio because Tybalt is not interested in fighting Mercutio but instead wants to duel it out with Romeo.

3. After Tybalt insults Romeo, Romeo responds with lines 59-62. Explain his lines. What is the “reason” Romeo has for ignoring the insult?

Romeo refuses to return the verbal abuse that he was receiving from Tybalt because he does not want to start a fight, because they he knew that they were already warned by the prince not to fight and he was his cousin and he knew that something bad was going to happen.

4. Highlight lines 65-69. Explain the meaning of the lines and the dramatic irony of the situation.

"I do protest. I never injured thee,

But love thee better than thou canst deviseTill thou shalt know the reason of my love.And so, good Capulet, which name I tenderAs dearly as mine own, be satisfied." The lines mean that Romeo feels that the Capulet are family because he recently got married without telling anybody. The irony however, is that the Montagues and the Capulets are long time enemies that are fighting.

5. Why does Romeo’s answer to Tybalt’s insults upset Mercutio? What does he think Romeo is doing (line 70)?

Romeo upset Mercutio by saying that he considers that the surname Capulet is important to him as his own Montague name. He thinks that Romeo is becoming soft and making friends with the enemies.

6. Romeo tries to stop Mercutio and Tybalt from fighting by reasoning with them (lines 82-85). Paraphrase what he says.

"Tybalt, Mercutio! The Prince warned us about drawing out weapons in public!We are not to cause chaos in the streets of Verona anymore!Hold on, Tybalt! Mercutio!"

7. Even when he is dying, Mercutio continues to joke and to make puns. Explain the pun he makes in lines 92-99.The pun he is making is that he will be \*grave\* man tomorrow. A grave man is a sad man, but it could also mean a dead man which is a very clever play on words because he is dying.

8. Highlight lines 102-103. Mercutio repeats the following line (106) three times and then adds the next line. Explain what he means:

“A plague O’ both your houses!

They have made worm’s meat of me.”Mercutio means that he hopes that both houses die and go to hell because they caused the death of him.

9. What does Romeo mean when he says lines 119-120?

He means to take back what he said before and be sorrow for the death of Mercutio.

10. After Mercutio dies, why does Romeo decide to kill Tybalt instead of accepting Mercutio’s death as an unfortunate accident?

Romeo decides to kill Tybalt as well because when he first tried to make peace with him, Tybalt insulted Romeo and his Montague name and slayed Mercutio.

11. Highlight line 132. What does Romeo mean?

"O, I am a fortunes fool"A fortunes fool refers to a victim of fate

12. Highlight lines 176-177. What reasoning does Lady Capulet use in begging the Prince for vengeance for Tybalt’s death?

"He is a kinsman to the Montague.

Affection makes him false. He speaks not true"

Lady Capulet pleads the Prince to punish Romeo for Tybalt's death because the Capulets and Montague have a family feud that has been going on for a very long time and she feels that Tybalt must be avenged.

13. Highlight lines 180-183. What is Lord Montagues’ reasoning in his attempt to persuade the Prince not to kill Romeo for killing Tybalt?

"Not Romeo, Prince, he was Mercutio's friend.

His fault concludes but what the law should end

The life of Tybalt."

Lord Montague tries to persuade the Prince to not kill Romeo for killing Tybalt because Romeo is innocent, and was simply trying to prevent the fight between Tybalt and Mercutio.

14. What is the Prince’s decree, and what are the reasons he gives for making it (lines 182-185)?

The Prince's decree was to exile Romeo from Verona because all because of him, two people had to die that day and he was the only one surviving whom was part of that three man brawl.

**ACT 3 SCENE 2**

1. In lines 37-68 the nurse confuses Juliet as she tells Juliet of the fight. What misconception does Juliet make?

Juliet makes a misconception and believes that Romeo was killed by Tybalt and then later on believes that both Tybalt and Romeo were killed in a brawl. Juliet makes this misconception because the Nurse telling Juliet things in broken pieces.

2. Highlight line 73. When Juliet receives news of Tybalt’s death, what is her first reaction?

"Oh God, did Romeo's hand shed Tybalt's blood."

When Juliet first received the news, she thought that a devil within Romeo caused the death of Tybalt.

3. Highlight Juliet’s lines 90-92. When the nurse agrees with Juliet, Juliet has a different reaction to Romeo’s killing of Tybalt. Explain.

"These griefs, these woes, these sorrows make me old,

Shame come to Romeo."

When the Nurse agreed with Juliet, Juliet didn't care much for the death of Tybalt, but instead cared more for the banishment of Romeo.

4. How does the scene end?

Juliet and the Nurse think up a plan to go find Romeo and request that he come to Juliet's room at night.

**ACT 3 SCENE 3**

1. Highlight line 12. What is Romeo’s reaction when he learns that he has been banished?

"Not body's death, but body's banishment."

Romeo completely freaks out about being banished from Verona because he recently for married to Juliet and was banished within hours of being married, therefore not being able to see his Juliet, "a fate worse than death."

2. From the beginning of the play, Romeo acts impulsively. In what way is he still impulsive in this scene (lines 102-108)?

Romeo acts impulsively in this scene because he is overreacted about being exiled, and in the scene he even tries to stab himself with a knife because he is so upset about being banished.

3. Friar Laurence tells Romeo to count his blessings. What are they (line 135-140)?

The blessings that Friar Laurence told Romeo to be fortunate for are: he wasn't sentenced to death, his love, Juliet was still alive.

4. Explain Friar Laurence’s plan (lines 146-154).

Friar Laurence's plan is for Romeo to go to Juliet's bedroom and elope and then go into hiding at Mantua and Laurence would send his worker to send word to Romeo.

**ACT 3 SCENE 5**

Questions begin with Lady Capulet’s entrance, line 68.

1. Lady Capulet misunderstands Juliet’s sadness, and Juliet does not want her to know what has happened between Romeo and Juliet. What does Juliet say about Tybalt and Romeo to keep the truth from her mother (lines 67-102)?

Juliet lies to her mother dying saying that she is very sad about the death of Tybalt and uses her superior intellect to satisfy her mothers needs but at the same time deceit her.

2. What is Juliet’s response when she is told the news that she is to marry Paris (lines 116-123)? How has she changed since Act 1?

When Juliet had heard that she has to marry Paris, she became much more sad and depressed. Unlike the beginning of Act 1 where she just didn't care as much as.

3. What is her mother’s reaction to Juliet’s response (line 124 and lines 139-140)?

Juliet's response to her Mother's reaction is that she does not care for what she wants, and refuses to marry Paris and would much rather take her own life than to have to marry Paris.

4. Highlight lines 190-194. What is Lord Capulet’s response to Juliet’s refusal to marry Paris?

"To answer 'I'll not wed' I cannot love,

I am too young, I prayed you pardon me!'

But, and you will not wed, I'll pardon you.

Graze where you will you shall not house with me!"

Lord Capulet's reaction to Juliet's refusal is that he becomes outraged and threatens to kick Juliet out of the house if she does not marry Paris.

5. What does the Nurse advise Juliet to do (lines 212-225)? What is her reasoning?

The Nurse thinks that Juliet should marry Paris instead of Romeo, because she thinks that Romeo is more dangerous and inconsistent than Paris.

6. After the Nurse leaves and Juliet is alone, what does Juliet decide to do (lines 240-243)?

Juliet decides to go to the Friar Laurence's cell to make a confession and be absolved.