**Romeo and Juliet – Act 4 Answers**

**ACT 4 SCENE 1**

1. Why is Friar Lawrence reluctant to marry Paris to Juliet?

The Friar does this to satisfy her parents to prevent them from getting more frustrated and satisfying their needs.

2. How does Paris explain the sudden haste of the marriage plans?

Paris is very excited to be wed to Juliet on Wednesday because Lord Capulet said he had to wait years just a few days ago, but things have changed dramatically.

3. What is ironic about the conversation between Juliet and Paris?

Paris says that he loves Juliet with a passion, but Juliet loves Romeo, not Paris.

4. If Friar Lawrence cannot help her, what does Juliet threaten to do?

Juliet threatens to kill herself with her knife if he does not help.

5. Why does Friar Lawrence think that Juliet will accept his plan?

Friar Laurence thinks that Juliet will accept his plan because Juliet is very desperate and definitely does not want to be wed to Paris.

6. Describe the friar’s plan for Juliet.

Friar's plan is to make a potion that will make Juliet fall asleep for 42 hours, this potion will also make her seem as if she is dead.

**ACT 4 SCENE 2**

1. What does Juliet say that makes her father happy?

Juliet tells her father that she is his and she will listen to everything that he tells her to do.

2. How does Capulet change the wedding plans? What implications does this have?

Capulet changes the wedding, and makes the wedding another day earlier and makes it happen on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

**ACT 4 SCENE 3**

1. How does Juliet show her maturity and independence in this scene?

Juliet shows her maturity and independence by thinking ahead into the future and seeing what the consequences were if she took the potion.

2. If the potion does not work, what will Juliet do?

Juliet would freak the fiddlesticks out in the tomb and stab herself with the knife if she does not see Romeo when she awakes.

3. What are some of the fears Juliet has about the potion?

That she would not awaken and that it is poison, and that Romeo would not be there when she awakens in the tomb.

**ACT 4 SCENE 4**

1. What is happening in this brief scene?

They discovered that Juliet was dead on her bed and that the wedding would be canceled and instead a funeral would take place.

**ACT 4 SCENE 5**

1. Describe the imagery Shakespeare uses in describing Juliet’s “death.”

Shakespeare uses irony to describe Juliet's untimely death.

2. What does Friar Lawrence say to comfort the Capulet family?

The Friar says that he will accompany the family in taking Juliet's corpse to the tomb where she will be placed.

3. What event are the Capulets preparing for now?

The Capulets are planning a funeral for Juliet, instead of a wedding that was to take place.