**Romeo and Juliet—Act II Questions**

**Scene 1**
1. Where is Romeo in this scene?
   
   Hiding in the Capulets’ orchard (their large “back yard”).
2. What do Romeo’s friends still believe at this point?
   
   **Romeo is in love with Rosaline.**

**Scene 2**
3. What does Romeo mean by the line, “He jests at scars that never felt a wound”?
   
   **Mercutio can make fun of love’s pain because Mercutio has never been rejected in love.**
4. What is the common, informal name (“nickname”) for this scene??
   
   **The balcony scene.**
5. What is Juliet’s problem with Romeo’s name?
   
   **It’s her enemy’s family name.**
6. What does Romeo compare Juliet to at the scene’s beginning?
   
   **The sun; stars; angel.**
7. What is Juliet’s first concern about Romeo’s presence? What is her second concern?
   
   **Someone is eavesdropping on her private thoughts. Romeo will be killed if caught there.**
8. Who mentions the word “marriage” first?
   
   **Juliet (line P 150/L 144)**
9. By what time will Romeo have the plans ready to give to Juliet’s messenger?
   
   **9:00 the next morning.**
10. To whom does Romeo go for help with the marriage plans?
    
    **Friar Laurence.**

**Scene 3**
11. What is Friar Laurence doing at the start of Scene 3? What does he say about the nature of plants and humans?
   
   **Picking herbs and plants. Plants and humans can both contain life and death in the same “body.” With humans, life is love, and death is selfishness. If selfishness wins, it’s a worm that kills the plant/human.**
12. What is unique about this scene’s use of literary technique?
   
   **Entire scene is written in couplets.**
13. Why does Friar Laurence agree to perform the wedding ceremony?
   
   **It could end the feud between the Montagues and Capulets.**
14. What is the Friar’s warning?
   
   **“Wisely and slow. They stumble that run fast.” (Slow down; impulsiveness causes trouble.)**

**Scene 4**
15. What do Romeo’s friends still think?
   
   **That he’s in love with Rosaline.**
16. What does Mercutio know that Romeo does not?
   
   **Tybalt has sent a letter to Romeo challenging him to a duel to the death.**
17. What does Mercutio say about Tybalt’s style of fighting?

   **It’s a fancy new style that’s similar to singing—with time, rests, rhythm.**

18. Give an example of an allusion used in this scene. (There are several)

   **Prince of Cats (sly cat in a fable); blind bow boy (Cupid); Cleopatra (Egyptian queen); Helen (Troy).**

19. Who does Juliet send to get info about the wedding plans?

   Nurse.

20. What is Juliet’s excuse to leave the house?

   **To go to shrift (confession) at Friar Laurence’s cell.**

21. How will Romeo get up to Juliet’s room for the wedding night?

   **He will send his “man” (a servant) to give the Nurse a rope ladder.**

**Scene 5**

22. Why is Juliet so impatient at the beginning of this scene?

   **The Nurse has been gone three hours although she said it would only take a half hour to meet Romeo.**

23. Why is Juliet annoyed with the nurse after she returns?

   **She delays in telling her Romeo’s answer.**

**Scene 6**

24. What is the Friar’s advice to Romeo about love? What is the Friar’s foreshadowing?

   **“Violent delights have violent ends,” so love moderately—love lasts longest this way.**

25. What happens in this scene?

   **Friar Laurence marries Romeo and Juliet.**