ROMEO AND JULIET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 5
YEAR 5 AND 6
ANSWER SHEET

1. *'As Juliet's coffin was carried through the streets of Verona, the crowds stood in stunned silence'.*
   Which word is <u>NOT</u> a synonym for 'stunned'. Tick one box

   unsurprised ☑   **bewildered** ☐

   dazed ☐   **horrified** ☐

2. **What did the people watching Juliet's coffin being carried think was particularly sad about her death? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer**
   The people watching felt that all deaths are sad but it was particularly sad because Juliet was so young. It says 'That was a tragedy'.

3. **Was Juliet really dead? Tick one box**

   YES ☐   **NO** ☑

4. **What was the name of Romeo's servant who watched the funeral procession?**

   Benvolio ☐   **Mercutio** ☐

   Paris ☐   **Balthasar** ☑

5. **What did Romeo's servant do when he saw the funeral procession?**
   He leapt on his horse and rode to Mantua to tell Romeo that Juliet had died.

6. **Re-read the paragraph that begins**
   'Romeo's legs gave way beneath him on...'
   Using evidence from the text write down two things that show Romeo was shocked and heartbroken

   i.   His legs gave way beneath him

   ii.   His voice was barely more than a whisper.

7. **What did Romeo decide to do when he heard the news of Juliet's death?**
   To ride back to Verona

8. **A. Where did Romeo stop at on his way to Verona?**
   The Apothecary
   B. What did Romeo buy there?
   Poison

9. *"Reluctantly, he handed over the venomous liquid. "My poverty but not my will consents. Put this in any liquid thing and drink it off, and if you had the strength of twenty men it would dispatch you straight."*

    A. Which <u>word</u> tells us that the Apothecary didn't want to give the poison to Romeo?
    Reluctantly

    B. Why does the Apothecary give the poison to Romeo?

He wants to see if it works	☐	**He needs the money** (highlighted)	■ (yellow)
He wants Romeo to die	☐	He doesn't like Romeo	☐

10. Why hadn't Friar John been able to get the message to Romeo? Give two reasons.
A plague had broken out in the city
Friar John wasn't allowed to leave the city

11. Who arrived at Juliet's tomb first?

Friar Laurence	☐	**Romeo** (highlighted)	■ (yellow)

12. 'He begged her to leave, but the sound of the guards outside frightened the priest away'.
Do you think if Friar Laurence had stayed there would have been a different ending to this story? Explain your answer.
Yes, because he might have been able to stop Juliet from killing herself. He left and she felt even more alone.
(or any reasonable answer given)

13. 'But what of the Prince? Did the Prince have hope?'
Read this paragraph again until the end of the story.

Did the Prince have hope?
Explain, using evidence from the text to justify your answer
Yes, the Prince had hope in the same way that Friar Laurence had hope. He saw that the tragic deaths of their children would make th Capulets and Montagues realise their fighting was pointless and only creating more pain. He saw it as a change to bring peace to Verona.
(or any reasonable anser)

14. In this final act, there are several passages of text where the narrator keeps asking you, the reader, whether you still have hope?
What does this do, to you as the reader?
It keeps you hoping that everything is going to be ok but at the same time feels you with slight dread because you wonder why the narrator keeps asking
(or any reasonable answer given)