Take a Stand: Themes in Romeo and Juliet

For each of the following statements, circle whether or not you agree or disagree. Then provide a brief explanation as to why you agree or disagree with what is being said.

Example: All is fair in love and war. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: I disagree because actions have consequences in both situations.

Thematic Subject: Love

1. It’s OK to keep a secret from someone you love. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

2. If you fall in love with someone but your parents disapprove of him/her, it is alright to go behind your parents’ backs and stay with that person. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

3. True love can overcome any obstacle. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

4. Parents should have a role in deciding who their child dates or marries. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

5. It’s OK to fight someone if they direct a rude comment towards you. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

6. “Love at first sight” truly exists. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

7. If you truly love someone, you will not be attracted to anyone else. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

8. It’s OK to hold a grudge against someone if they’ve hurt you in the past. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

9. Teenagers cannot experience “true” love. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

10. Children have a duty to love and obey their parents. AGREE DISAGREE
Explanation: __________________________________________________________________________

Thematic Subject: Loyalty

What do you feel is the best course of action in each of the following situations? Circle the action you agree with.

1. Sharon’s grandparent’s are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and are having a big party. Unfortunately, the party is scheduled for the same night as Sharon’s Senior Prom. Sharon’s parents tell her that her grandparents will be really hurt if she doesn’t attend, but they won’t force her to go. Her grandparents will only have a 50th anniversary once, but Sharon will also only have one Senior Prom. What should Sharon do?

She should go to her grandparents’ party. She should go to her Senior Prom.

2. Devon is a cadet at the United States Military Academy in Fort Frontier, Arkansas. He is studying to become an officer in the military. Part of his education involves swearing to an honor code that say “We will not lie, steal, or cheat, or tolerate those among us who do.” Anyone in violation of the code gets expelled. After a final exam, his friend Alex tells him that he saw another student cheat on the test. Alex decides that he won’t tell the head of the academy because he doesn’t want to “snitch.” Now that Devon knows about the cheater, he must also decide whether or not to tell the head of the academy. If he says nothing and it is found out that he knew about the cheater, he will be expelled. If he reports the cheater, his friend Alex will get expelled too. What should Devon do?

He should stay silent. He should report the cheater.