At this point in the play, Benedick has been tricked into thinking that Beatrice is in love with him.

**Benedick** [Coming forward] This can be no trick. The conference was sadly borne. They have the truth of this from Hero. They seem to pity the lady; it seems her affections have their full bent. Love me? Why, it must be requited. I hear how I am censured. They say I will bear myself proudly, if I perceive the love come from her. They say too that she will rather die than give any sign of affection. I did never think to marry. I must not seem proud. Happy are they that hear their detractions and can put them to mending. They say the lady is fair; 'tis a truth, I can bear them witness. And virtuous; 'tis so, I cannot reprove it. And wise, but for loving me. By my my troth, it is no addition to her wit, nor no great argument of her folly, for I will be horribly in love with her. I may chance have some odd quirks and remnants of wit broken on me, because I have railed so long against marriage: but doth not the appetite alter? A man loves the meat in his youth that he cannot endure in his age. Shall quips and sentences and these paper bullets of the brain awe a man from the career of his humour? No. The world must be peopled. When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married. Here comes Beatrice.

[Enter BEATRICE]

By this day, she's a fair lady. I do spy some marks of love in her.

**Beatrice** Against my will I am sent to bid you come in to dinner.
Starting with this extract, explain how Shakespeare presents Benedick’s attitudes towards Beatrice.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Benedick’s attitudes towards Beatrice in the extract
- how Shakespeare presents Benedick’s attitudes towards Beatrice in the play as a whole.

[30 marks]
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