Module: ENGLISH 301: ROMANTICISM
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Candidates are requested to write legibly

This paper consists of 5 pages. Please ensure that you have them all.
SECTION A:

_Wuthering Heights_ by Emily Brontë

“He [Edgar Linton] could not bear to discourse long upon the topic; for though he spoke little of it, he still felt the same horror and detestation of his ancient enemy that has occupied his heart ever since Mrs. Linton’s death. ‘She might have been living yet, if it had not been for him!’ was his constant bitter reflection, and, in his eyes, Heathcliff seemed a murderer.” (pg. 214)

Explore the relationship that exists among Heathcliff, Catherine and Edgar Linton. How does Heathcliff’s social status have a bearing on the relationship between Catherine and Edgar Linton? Explore how the relationship among the three brings to light the themes of power, gender and revenge.
SECTION B:
William Blake

The Chimney Sweeper (Songs of Innocence)

When my mother died I was very young,
And my father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry weep weep weep weep,
So your chimneys I sweep, and in soot I sleep.

There’s little Tom Dacre, who cried when his head,
That curled like a lamb’s back, was shaved; so I said,
‘Hush Tom never mind it, for when your head’s bare
You know that the soot cannot spoil your white hair.’

And so he was quiet, and that very night,
As Tom was a-sleeping, he had such a sight,
That thousands of sweepers – Dick, Joe, Ned, and Jack –
Were all of them locked up in coffins of black,

And by came an angel who had a bright key,
And he opened the coffins and set them all free.
Then down a green plain leaping, laughing, they run
And wash in a river and shine in the Sun.

Then naked and white, all their bags left behind,
They rise upon clouds and sport in the wind;
And the Angel told Tom, if he’d be a good boy;
He’d have God for his father and never want joy.
And so Tom awoke and we rose in the dark
And got with our bags and our brushes to work.
Though the morning was cold, Tom was happy and warm
So if all do their duty, they need not fear harm.

The Chimney Sweeper (Songs of Experience)

A little black thing among the snow,
Crying weep, weep, in notes of woe!
‘Where are thy father and mother, say?’
‘They are both gone up to the church to pray.

Because I was happy upon the heath
And smiled among the winter’s snow,
They clothed me in the clothes of death,
And taught me to sing the notes of woe.

And because I am happy and dance and sing,
They think they have done me no injury,
And are gone to praise God and his priest and king
Who make up a heaven of our misery.’

Discuss the contrary states of innocence and experience with detailed reference to the Chimney Sweeper poems from Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience.
SECTION C:

*Disgrace* by JM Coetzee

Write an essay on *Disgrace* in which you critically reflect on the lessons from the dead Romantic masters Wordsworth and Byron in the novel.

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