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HXE 208 - 19th and 20th CENTURY POETRY

Duration: 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of TWO pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer FOUR questions. Answer TWO questions from Section A and TWO questions from Section B.

Section A

1. With reference to at least two poems, discuss how William Wordsworth conceptualises the romantic "cycles of life" in his poems?

[100 marks]

2. Samuel Taylor Coleridge develops Biblical references to weave moral teaching into "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

Discuss.

[100 marks]

3. Explore how the imagery of birds is presented in John Keats' "Ode to Nightingale"

[100 marks]

Section B

4. With reference to any two of Siegfried Sassoon's war poems, discuss his main arguments against the war.

[100 marks]

5. To what extent are Thomas Hardy's poems 'The Ruined Maid' and 'Convergence of the Twain' a criticism of 20th century society.

[100 marks]

6. With reference to Wilfred Owen's 'Anthem of Doomed Youth' and 'Dulce Et Decorum Est' discuss how anger and frustration about the devastation of the war are conveyed through vivid imagery.

[100 marks]