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M. A. (ENGLISH)

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Term-End Examination

December, 2025

MEG-19 : THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer any ***five*** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. “Nineteenth century Australian women novelists created a space for themselves within the literary world by writing about

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the colonial world from a specifically female point of view.” Discuss this statement.

2. Explain how Miles Franklin engages with the theme of Australian nationalism in *My Brilliant Career*.
3. “Patrick White’s *The Tree of Man* is a profound novel that marks the transition of Australia from a pre-industrial pastoral country to an industrial nation.” Comment on this statement.
4. Critically assess Thomas Keneally’s achievement as a novelist. What are the recurrent themes in his writings ?

5. Describe with suitable instances from the novel, the narrative techniques adopted by Kim Scott to narrate the troubled history of the Noongars, in *Benang : From the Heart*.
6. Explain the significance of the title *A Change of Skies*.
7. From your reading of *The True History of the Kelly Gang*, what do you understand about the lives of working class women in colonial Australia ?

8. Critically assess the development of children's fiction in Australia.
9. Why were the 1980s described as 'moment of glory' for the woman writer in Australia ?

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