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**MASTER'S DEGREE
PROGRAMME IN RUSSIAN
(MARUS)**

Term-End Examination

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MRU-001 : CULTURE AND CIVILISATION

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. What do you understand by Lev Gumilev's theory of ethnogenesis ? Write a short note about different ethnic groups of Russia. 20
2. Answer the following questions : 5×4=20
 - (a) Who were the Mongols ? What does the term 'Mongol (Tatar) yoke' mean ?

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- (b) Why did the Russian principalities, having shown heroism and courage, fail to repel the Golden Horde ?
 - (c) When did Peter 1 receive the title of emperor and Russia became an empire ?
 - (d) What were the major literary genres from 13th to 16th century in Russia ? Name some literary writings of this period.
 - (e) Why Moscow became the political centre of the country by 14th-15th century ?
3. Explain the reasons which led to 1917 October Russian Revolution. 20
4. Write a short note on Glasnost and Perestroika. What were the reforms carried out within this period ? 20
5. Determine the contribution of the reforms of Peter 1 to the development of Russian culture. 20

6. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 10 = 20$

- (a) What is Eurasianism ? How is Neo-Eurasianism different from Classical Eurasianism ?

- (b) What is the significance of the novel 'One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich'?

7. Define the characteristic features of the Russian Empire in the 19th century and name the main architectural monuments of the same period. 20

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