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M. A. (ENGLISH)

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Term-End Examination

June, 2025

MEG-19 : THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Trace the development of the novel in nineteenth century Australia. What were the major themes of the Australian novels of this period ?

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2. Who were the major Australian novelists of the Federation period ? Critically assess the writing of any *one* of these novelists.
3. Discuss Patrick White's vision of religion as expressed in *The Tree of Man*.
4. Consider *Schindler's Ark* as a story of the triumph of humanity.
5. Explain how Kim Scott negotiates the theme of identity construction of the Noongar people in *Benang : From the Heart*.
6. Discuss how the novel *A Change of Skies* engages with the themes of identity crisis and cultural assimilation.
7. Explain how Peter Carey's novel *The True History of the Kelly Gang* engages with the theme of the social outlaw.

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8. Write an essay tracing the development of Young Adult fiction in Australia.
9. Critically assess the recent developments in genres such as crime fiction and the graphic novel in Australia.

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