

**MEG 19**

**Masters Degree in English**  
**MEG**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**(For July 2023 and January 2024 Sessions)**

**THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL**  
**MEG 19**



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**MASTERS DEGREE IN ENGLISH  
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**MEG 2023/2024  
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**Dear Student,**

You are required to do **one** assignment for the course ‘**MEG 19**’ (**The Australian Novel**). It is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) and carries 100 marks. It covers eight blocks of the course.

**Guidelines:**

The TMA is concerned mainly with assessing your application and understanding of the course material. You are not required to reproduce chunks of information from the course material but to use the skills of critical appreciation that you may have acquired during the course of study. Read the assignment carefully; go through the units on which the questions are based; jot down some points regarding each question and then re-arrange them in a logical order. In the essay-type answer, pay attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must tell you how to interpret the given topic and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your views on the topic. **You should submit the assignment in your own handwriting.**

Please remember that it is compulsory to submit your assignment before you can take the Term End Examination. Also remember to keep a copy of your assignment with you and to take a receipt from your Study Centre when you submit the assignment.

**Last Date for Submission of Assignment:**

<b>For June Examination</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>For December Examination</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>

**Good Luck!**

**Note:** *Remember the submission of assignment is a precondition for appearing in the examination. If you do not submit the assignment on time, you will not be allowed to appear in the examination.*

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Max. Marks: 100

**Answer all questions in this assignment.**

1. Consider *The Tree of Man* by Patrick White as a pioneer novel. 20
2. Explain the significance of the title of Yasmine Gooneratne's novel *A Change of Skies*. 20
3. "Kim Scott's novel *Benang* is a polyphonic text." Comment on this statement. 20
4. Discuss with suitable examples, how Peter Carey mingles 'fiction' with 'historical accounts' in his effort to arrive at a 'true history' of a social outlaw, in *True History of the Kelly Gang*. 20
5. Write short notes of around 200 words each on the following:  
10+10=20
  - a. Trace the development of the novel in nineteenth century Australia, and critically evaluate its themes and concerns.
  - b. Examine how Keneally engages with the complex nature of righteousness and virtue through the character Oskar Schindler in *Schindler's Ark*.

