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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

MEG-09 : AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. *The Chosen Vessel* offers a ruptured interpretation of woman as whore and goddess. Do you agree ? Give reasons for your answer. 20

2. In his stories Henry Lawson had a unique ability to describe the human condition in a realistic manner. Discuss. 20

3. *Cranky Jack* is a story that attempts at dismantling patriarchal authority. Discuss. 20

4. Critically examine the interweaving of the themes of exploration and romantic sensibility in Patrick White's *Voss*. 20

5. The oral traditions of the Aborigines and of early colonial settlers in Australia are a store of information about the cultures and peoples that created them. Discuss. 20
6. How did Harpur shape the course of Australian poetry ? 20
7. In what way is *Remembering Babylon* a revisionist novel of early Australian settlement ? 20
8. Write short notes on : 10x2=20
(a) Masculinity in Australian Drama
(b) Aboriginal Drama
9. How far do you think " The Man from Snowy River " presents an accurate picture of Australian pioneering days ? 20

OR

Discuss how modern Australian poets explore the notion of Australia in their poetry ?
