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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH (MEG)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2020

MEG-09 : AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : (i) Answer any two questions from
Section A and any three questions from
Section B.*

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

Section—A

1. What, in your opinion, is the contribution of Aboriginal writing to Australian literature ? Do you think it has literary value ? 20

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2. Basing your answer on the texts you have read, write about the salient features of contemporary Australian literature. 20
3. A. B. Paterson in his ballad "The Man" from "Snowy River" celebrates the national character of an Australian of the 19th century. Discuss with examples from the poem. 20
4. Discuss Barbara Baynton's story "The Chosen Vessel" as an indictment of patriarchy. 20
5. What are the shifts in the poet James McAuley's perception of Australia in each stanza of the poem "Terra Australis"? 20

Section—B

6. Would it be right to call Patrick White's *Voss* an emotionally complex novel? Discuss. 20

7. Critically examine Mudrooroo Narogin's "The Harijan" and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of his comparative model. 20
8. Discuss the theme of exile and alienation as reflected in *Remembering Babylon*. 20
9. How predictable is the ending of the play *The Removalists* ? Substantiate your answer. 20
10. Do you think that nineteenth century Australian poetry has certain distinctive themes ? Illustrate from the poems you have read. 20