M. A. ENGLISH (MEG) Term-End Examination June, 2023

MEG-19: THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: (i) Answer any **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. Explain with suitable examples, the significance of the 'convict novel' in the history of the nineteenth century Australian novel. 20
- 2. Discuss Miles Franklin's novel 'My Brilliant Career' as an early feminist text. 20
- 3. Write an essay on Patrick White's achievement as a modernist novelist.
- 4. "Thomas Keneally's novel 'Schindler's Ark' is a story of the triumph of humanity." Comment on this statement, giving examples from the text.

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5. Explain how Kim Scott writes against white Australian colonial policies in 'Benang: from the Heart'.

- 6. Comment on the narrative style of Yasmine Gooneratne's novel 'A Change of Skies'. 20
- 7. Examine how Peter Carey's novel 'True History of the Kelly Gang' engages with the theme of the social outlaw.
- 8. Write an essay tracing the development of children's fiction in Australia.
- 9. Write an essay critically assessing Australian fiction by women prior to 1950. Explain how their writings transformed the contours of the Australian novel.