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MRU-001

**MASTER OF ARTS (RUSSIAN)
(MARS)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2024

**MRU-001 : INTRODUCTION TO THE CULTURE
AND CIVILIZATION OF RUSSIA**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt any five questions.*

1. Answer the following questions : 20
 - (i) What were the main cultural trends during the 1960s and the first half of the 1980s ?
 - (ii) How one can define the shift in cultural trends during the Perestroika period ?
2. Write a short essay on the major reasons which led to the 1917 Russian Revolution. 20
3. What do you understand by Lev Gumilev's theory of ethnogenesis ? 20
4. What is the significance of the novel 'One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich' ? 20

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5. What is Eurasianism ? How is Neo-Eurasianism different from classical Eurasianism ? 20
6. Answer the following questions : 20
- (i) Determine the contribution of the reforms of Peter the Great to the development of Russian culture.
 - (ii) Which is the largest art museum in St. Petersburg founded by Catherine II in 1764 ? Write a short note about it.
 - (iii) When did Peter the Great receive the title of emperor and Russia became an empire ? Write a short note about it.
 - (iv) Name any *one* outstanding Russian scientist of the 18th century.
 - (v) Why is the 19th century called the golden age of Russian culture ?
 - (vi) Which is the most famous cathedral from the time of Peter the Great ? Write a short note about it.
 - (vii) When was Saint Petersburg founded ? Write a short note about it.
7. Write a short essay about the disintegration of USSR in 1991. 20