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MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

MEG-9 : AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer any **two** questions from Section A and any **three** questions from Section B. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION A

Attempt any **two** questions.

 $2 \times 20 = 40$

- 1. Discuss the contribution of the oral tradition to Australian Literature.
- 2. How are recent developments in Australian society reflected in its literature ?
- **3.** *"The Man from Snowy River* represents the national character of Australia at the end of the nineteenth century." Discuss.
- 4. In what ways are the drovers potrayed as hypocrites in 'The Union Buries Its Dead' ? Illustrate from the text to support your answer.
- 5. Critically analyse the poems of Ada Cambridge and assess her contribution to the development of Australian poetry.

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SECTION B

Attempt any **three** questions.

3×20=60

- 6. In what ways do you think Voss is an "emotionally complex novel"? Discuss.
- 7. Analyse the pluralistic cultural contexts set out in 'The Quality of Sprawl' and 'Blood'.
- 8. Critically analyse the imagery in *Remembering* Babylon.
- **9.** Discuss the figure of the 'bushranger' in Australian Drama.
- Identify the discrete units of action in *The Removalists*. How are they joined together ? Illustrate.