

M.A. ENGLISH
Term-End Examination
December, 2022

MEG-19 : THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. “Nineteenth century Australian women novelists delineated life in the outback from a perspective quite different from that of the masculinist pioneer.” Discuss this statement with suitable examples. 20
2. Write an essay on the major Australian writers of fiction during the Federation years. Explain how this writing contributed to the discourse of nationalism. 20
3. Patrick White’s novel *The Tree of Man* is viewed by many critics as a ‘pioneer novel’. Do you agree with this view ? Give reasons for your answer. 20

4. Write an essay on the Australian novels that deal with the First and the Second World Wars. What are the differences in their themes and concerns ? 20
 5. Kim Scott's novel *Benang : From the Heart* is a polyphonic text. Comment on this statement. 20
 6. Discuss how the novel *A Change of Skies* engages with the themes of identity crisis and cultural assimilation. 20
 7. Critically analyse the main themes of the novel *True History of the Kelly Gang* by Peter Carey. 20
 8. Why are the 1980s referred to as a 'moment of glory' for women's writing in Australia ? 20
 9. Write an essay on the development of fiction for young adults in Australia. 20
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