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M. A. (ENGLISH)

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Term-End Examination

December, 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. Discuss the achievement of the women novelists of the nineteenth century, showing how they created a niche for themselves in an otherwise patriarchal colonial Australia. 20
2. Discuss Miles Franklin's novel *My Brilliant Career* as an early feminist text. 20
3. "Patrick White's novel *The Tree of Man* reflects White's anxiety about the rootlessness and alienation of men and women in the modern age." Explain this statement. 20

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4. Examine how Thomas Keneally engages with the historical details of the Holocaust and its horrors, in *Schindler's Ark*. 20
5. Write an essay on the narrative technique in Kim Scott's novel *Benang : From the Heart*. 20
6. Discuss how the major characters in Yasmine Gooneratne's novel *A Change of Skies* negotiate identity crises and cultural assimilation. 20
7. Comment on the intermingling of historical accounts with fiction in Peter Carey's novel *True History of the Kelly Gang*. 20
8. Why were the 1980s referred to as 'a moment of glory' for women's writing in Australia ? 20
9. Write an essay on critically assessing the work of contemporary Australian children's writers. 20