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MEG-09

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH (MEG)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MEG-09 : AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer each question in approximately **500** words.*

1. Discuss the theme of 'mateship' in colonial Australian Literature. 20
2. Consider the poem 'An Answer' by Ada Cambridge, as an early feminist poem. How did Ada Cambridge give a new dimension to nineteenth century Australian poetry ? 20
3. Discuss the main themes of the short story 'The Drover's Wife' by Henry Lawson. What does the

story tell us about Lawson’s craft as a writer of
short fiction ? 20

4. Critically assess the contribution of Judith Wright to Australian poetry. How did Wright help Australian poetry find a genuine voice and identity ? 20
5. Consider Kath Walker’s poem ‘We are Going’ as an expression of the agony of dispossession. 20
6. “In a sense, the central protagonist of Patrick White’s novel *Voss* is Australia.” Discuss. 20
7. Critically evaluate the contribution of David Malouf to contemporary Australian fiction. 20
8. Explain the significance of the title of the play *The Removalists*. 20

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