

M. A. IN ENGLISH (MEG)

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

MEG-19 : THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. “Australian women novelists of the nineteenth century created through their writing a space for themselves in the patriarchal world of colonial Australia.” Comment on this statement. 20

2. Discuss the major themes of Miles Franklin’s novel *My Brilliant Career*. 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 ? Comment. 20
4. Discuss the historical background and major themes of Thomas Keneally’s novel *Schindler’s Ark*. 20
5. Write an essay on the narrative technique of Kim Scott’s novel *Benang*. 20
6. Trace the development of multicultural writing in Australia with reference to changed political ideologies. 20
7. “Historical accounts intermingle with fiction in Peter Carey’s *True History of the Kelly Gang*.” Comment on this statement. 20

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8. Critically evaluate the achievement of Australian women novelists of the years prior to 1950. 20
9. Write an essay on the development of fiction for young adults in Australia. 20

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