

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME  
IN RUSSIAN (MARS)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2025**

**MRU-001 : CULTURE AND CIVILISATION**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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

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1. Explain the reasons which led to 1917 October Russian Revolution. 20
  2. Write a short note on Glasnost and Perestroika. What were the reforms carried out within this period ? 20
  3. What do you understand by Lev Gumilev's theory of ethnogenesis ? Write a short note about different ethnic groups of Russia. 20

4. Answer the following questions :  $4 \times 5 = 20$

- (a) Who were the Mongols ? What does the term 'Mongol (Tatar) yoke' mean ?
- (b) Why did the Russian principalities, having shown heroism and courage, fail to repel the Golden Horde ?
- (c) When did Peter 1 receive the title of emperor and Russia became an empire ?
- (d) What were the major literary genres from 13th to 16th century in Russia ? Name some literary writings of this period.
- (e) Why Moscow became the political centre of the country by 14th-15th century ?

5. Determine the contribution of the reforms of Peter 1 to the development of Russian culture.

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6. Define the characteristic features of the Russian Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and name the main architectural monuments of the same period. 20
7. Answer the following questions : 2×10=20
- (a) What is Eurasianism ? How is Neo-Eurasianism different from Classical Eurasianism ?
- (b) What is the significance of the novel 'One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich' ?

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