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MEG-019

M. A. (ENGLISH)

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Term-End Examination

June, 2026

MEG-019 : THE AUSTRALIAN NOVEL

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Trace the development of the novel in
nineteenth century Australia, and identify
its main themes. 20

2. The preface to Miles Franklins novel *My Brilliant Career* claims a nationalistic position. Do you think that this claim is justified by the rest of the novel ? 20
3. Discuss Patrick White's vision of religion as expressed in *The Tree of Man*. 20
4. Examine the major themes of Keneally's novel *Schindler's Ark*. 20
5. Discuss the techniques adopted by Kim Scott to write against white Australian colonial policies in *Benang : From the Heart*. 20
6. Examine critically the significance of the title of Yasmine Gooneratne's novel *A Change of Skies*. 20

7. Comment on the ways in which Peter Carey engages with the concept of the 'outlaw hero' and the 'social bandit' in *True History of the Kelly Gang*. 20
8. Write an essay critically assessing the achievement of Australian women novelists prior to 1950. 20
9. Trace the development of Australian fiction for children during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. 20

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