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Term-End Examination : January-2026

Course Name : MEG

Subject Name : Australian Literature

Subject Code : MEG-09

Date : 22-02-2026

Time : 11:30AM TO 01:45PM

Max Marks : 70

Q.-1. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (14)

1. Examine A Midsummer Noon in the Australian Forest with reference to its themes, imagery, and poetic style.
2. Discuss Henry Kendall's life, works, and the characteristic features of his poetry.

Q.-2. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (14)

1. Trace the development of early Australian literature.
2. Examine the significance of Australian ballads and folk songs with special reference to The Wild Colonial Boy.

Q.-3. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (14)

1. Critically analyse Bell Birds as a nature poem in nineteenth-century Australian poetry.
2. Discuss Ada Cambridge's life and literary contribution with reference to the characteristic features of her poetry.

Q.-4. Write short notes on any two of the following topics. (14)

1. How does Australian literature represent multiculturalism?
2. What forms of writing dominated early Australian literature?
3. Identify major themes in Australian literature.
4. Discuss the impact of British Poetry on nineteenth century Australian Poetry.

Q.-5. Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D). (14)

(1) Nineteenth-century Australian poetry was largely influenced by which literary tradition?

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| A) American Romanticism | B) British poetry |
| C) French Symbolism | D) Classical Greek poetry |

(2) Which element most strongly shaped the imagery of nineteenth-century Australian poetry?

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| A) Urban life | B) Industrial growth |
| C) Australian land and landscape | D) Courtly love |

(3) W. C. Wentworth is best known for which poem?

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| A) Bell Birds | B) Australasia |
| C) The Bush Fire | D) An Answer |

(4) Charles Harpur is often regarded as

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| A) A purely Romantic poet | B) A colonial imitator |
| C) The first native-born Australian poet | D) A Victorian satirist |

(5) Henry Kendall's poetry is best known for its

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| A) Political satire | B) Nature imagery |
| C) War themes | D) Urban realism |

(6) The Sick Stockrider is a poem written by

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| A) Henry Kendall | B) A. L. Gordon |
| C) Charles Harpur | D) Ada Cambridge |

(7) Ada Cambridge's poetry is significant mainly for its focus on

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| A) Classical mythology | B) Women's experiences |
| C) National politics | D) Bush heroism |
