

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN  
ENGLISH**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2011**

**MEG-09 : AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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

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1. Why is Harpur regarded as the father of Australian poetry ? 20
2. "South Country" is a poem full of hope. Do you agree ? Give reasons in support of your answer. 20
3. Describe the literary style and language used by Henry Lawson in the story *The Drover's Wife*. 20
4. Analyse the use of humour in Arthur Hocy Davis's *Cranky Jack*. 20
5. In what ways is *Voss* 'an emotionally complex novel' ? 20
6. Contemporary Australian poetry speaks for a time and space shaped by continuing change. Discuss. 20

7. What is the role of memory in *Remembering Babylon* ? 20

8. What were the themes explored by writers of short fiction in Australia ? 20

OR

Examine the unique features of Clarke's style of writing with reference to *The Seizure of the Cyprus*.

9. What do you understand by the term 'New Wave' in Australian drama ? Comment on its key features and dramatists. 20

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