

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani

II Sem 2022-2023

HSS F237 Contemporary Indian English Fiction

Mid Sem (Open Book)

Date: 16 March 2023

Duration: 90 Minutes

Marks: 30 (30% weightage)

1. With a detailed analysis of the graphic novels/narratives *Bhimayana* and “An Old Fable”, discuss a) how graphic narratives have become a significant genre of contemporary Indian English fiction and b) how these narratives raise questions about our contemporary history.

5+5 Marks

2. Discuss how the short stories “The Women Who Forgot To Invent Facebook”, “Trinity”, and “The Triangle” engage with the lives of young women in contemporary India. The response should highlight how contemporary Indian English fiction emerges as an important site for the expression of questions around gender in contemporary India.

12 Marks

3. Through an analysis of the Vasudhendra’s short story “The Gordian Knot”, discuss how literature plays a vital role in changing notions around the question of sexuality in India.

8 Marks

