

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
II Sem 2022-2023

HSS F237 Contemporary Indian English Fiction
Comprehensive Examination (Open Book)

Date: 16 May 2023
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Duration: 3 Hours

Marks:

1. Discuss how Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar's short stories engage with the concerns of Adivasis in contemporary India. 7 Marks
2. Through an engagement with the essays of Tabish Khair and Anjum Hasan, discuss how small towns are usually understood in Indian English Fiction. 7 Marks
3. Discuss how the short story "The Curfew Man" by Temsula Ao engages with the question of the life of common people in the North East India. 7 Marks
4. Offer a discussion of how the short stories "New Custom" by Ajay Navaria and "The Parable of the Lost Daughter" by M.M. Vinodini help us make sense of the question of caste in contemporary India.

7 Marks
5. Discuss how the short story "Lorry Raja" by Madhuri Raja captures life in small town/rural India. 7 Marks
