

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
II Semester 2016-17 HSS F338 Comparative Indian Literature
Comprehensive Examination (Closed Book)
MM: 40 Duration: 3 Hrs Date: 11/05/17

Section I

Answer **any three** questions (10X3=30)

1. Discuss the unusual style of narration of Tamsula Ao's "The Potmaker", to establish a connection between narrative technique and thematic concerns of the text.

2. Read "Mother's Cauldron" and "Tip" as samples of Dalit literature, emerging from within the community.

3. MT's story "Sherlock" essentially presents the fragmented identity of first generation diasporic individuals. Discuss.

4. Do you agree that "Gulabi Talkies" by Vaidehi brings out alternative female characters? Give your reasons, from the text, in support of your answer.

Section II

Answer **any two** short notes (5X2=10)

1. Sujatha's questionnaire

2. Jayant Shinde

4. "To be left slightly hungry seemed to be apt to the occasion..."