

Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya

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PAPER: ENGADSE05T- (PARTITION LITERATURE)

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Answer any two of the following questions:

10x2=20

1. Critically comment on the title of Intizar Husain's novel Basti.
2. Basti is a novel that fuses Hindu, Islamic, Christian, Buddhist and Judaic elements.
3. How does the novel "Basti" explore the impact of political turmoil and social change on individuals and communities in Pakistan?
4. What is the role of memory and nostalgia in "Basti"? How does Hussain use these themes to explore the complexities of identity and belonging in the novel?
5. Discuss the portrayal of women in "Basti". How does the novel challenge or reinforce traditional gender roles and expectations?
6. Compare and contrast the representation of urban and rural spaces in "Basti". What do these settings suggest about the novel's themes and characters?