

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE PILANI,  
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I Sem 2022-23

**GS F313: Marxian Thoughts**

**Mid-Semester Examination (Open Book)**

**10 November 2022**

**Duration: 90 minutes**

**Maximum Marks: 30**

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1. In describing how commodities *appear* to their producers under capitalism, Marx writes, “they do not appear as direct social relations between persons in their work, but rather as material relations between persons and social relations between things.” Briefly explain this phenomena and how it affects human relationships in our modern life. (10 marks)
2. Once money emerges in society through the circulation of commodities, what are some of the contradictions it contains in its form? Explain using your understanding of the C–M–C circuit of commodity circulation. (10 marks)
3. Overpopulation and lack of education are the main reasons for inequality in our society. Would you agree or disagree with this statement? Provide your reasons with reference to relevant arguments on inequality developed in the Marxist tradition. (10 marks)

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