

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE PILANI,
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II Sem 2021-22

**GSF313: Marxian Thoughts
Comprehensive Examination (Open Book)**

09 May 2022

Duration: 180 mins

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

Please write legibly.

*You are allowed to use books, printouts of notes, PPTs, chapters etc.
Copying verbatim from notes/books will not qualify as a valid answer.*

1. “Inequality and exploitative relations between advanced capitalist economies and their former colonies have disappeared after many of these colonized countries attained independence in the twentieth century.” Explain your views on this statement relying on John Smith and VI Lenin’s theories of Imperialism. **[20 marks - 650 words]**
2. Explain ‘*class*’ according to Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Is it possible that *class struggle* is a divisive and irrelevant concept in modern society? Analyze and present your views with adequate reference to modern realities across the world. **[5+10=15 marks - 450 words]**
3. What causes crises within a capitalist economy? Explain your understanding based on Marx’s writings and multiple causes discussed in class. **[15 marks - 450 words]**
