

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE PILANI,
PILANI CAMPUS**

I Sem 2023-24

GS F313: Marxian Thought

Mid-Semester Examination (Open Book)

14 October 2023

Duration: 90 minutes

Maximum Marks: 30

Instructions:

- a. You are allowed to use books, printouts and handwritten notes.
 - b. Answer all questions in approximately **300 words**.
 - c. Please write legibly.
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1. How is the Marxist approach to the study of social change different from other mainstream approaches? Explain based on your understanding of both “dialectics” and “materialism”. [10 marks]
2. Capitalist agriculture transformed the feudal mode of production, according to Ellen Meiksins Wood. What are the central changes she discusses and how did it contribute to the rise to capitalism? [10 marks]
3. Marx proposes the “commodity form” as a means to study the most fundamental unit of a capitalist mode of production. Explain this form and how its contradictory unity is central to the role it performs. [10 marks]
