

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

II Sem 2022-23

GSF313: Marxian Thoughts

Comprehensive Examination (Open Book)

17 May 2023

Duration: 180 mins

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

Please write legibly.

You are allowed to use books, printouts of notes, PPTs, chapters etc.

Digital devices are not allowed.

1. Do you think there is a relationship between 'free trade' and imperialism? Explain your view drawing on Ha Joon Chang's work, but also bringing in Indian examples. [20 marks, 500 words]
2. How did Cuba survive the 'peak oil' crisis? Explain how Cuban reorganization in the crisis period was different from capitalist social organization. [15 marks, 350 words]
3. Explain the process through which surplus value is produced in a capitalist society. What are the different ways to produce surplus value, and their limits, as historically demonstrated? [15 marks, 350 words]
