

Mid-Semester Examination
HS8.303 Environmental and Social Governance in Mineral
Extraction

Max Marks: 50

27 February 2024

Instructions:

Answer ANY TWO of the following questions from PART A and ANY ONE question from PART B (in 700-800 words each). Each question in PART A is worth 15 marks and each question in PART B is worth 20 marks.

PART A (ANY 2)

- 1) Why is the diversion of forestland such a socially, economically and ecologically disruptive activity? (CO-1)
- 2) How do mining corporations shape perceptions of natural resources and local populations? Explain using examples. (CO-2, CO-3)
- ✓ 3) What do you understand by the mining "developmentalist" framework? Explain. (CO-2, CO-3)
- ✓ 4) What are the specific demands raised by the mining "pragmatist", and what are the implications of these demands?

PART B (ANY 1)

- 1) What are the various ways in which diverse social actors engage with the question of land? What does this tell you about the role of land in influencing the social, economic and cultural life in the global South? (CO-2, CO-3)
- ✓ 2) Do you think the "resource curse" theory is part of the mining "developmentalist" framework or the mining "pragmatist" framework? Explain with proper arguments. (CO-2, CO-3)