

Course Name: Sociology of Platform Economies

Course code: HS2.304

Mid-semester Examination

Time: 1.30 hrs.

Date: 27/03/2025

Total Marks : ~~50~~ 50 marks

Section A (Answer all Questions) *(20 marks)*

1. How do Adrian Athique and his co-author describe platform capitalism in India in relation to Arjun Appadurai's concept of the 'spirit of calculation'? **(5 marks)**
2. According to Van Dijck et al. (2018), what is the process of datafication in a platform society? **(5 marks)**
3. What was the dot-com boom and bust? Explain how it shaped the concept of the platform economy. **(5 marks)**
4. According to Athique, what are the different layers within the 'stack' infrastructures of platforms? **(5 marks)**

Section B (Answer any two out of three questions)

5. Platforms are often considered part of the sharing economy. Argue for or against this proposition, taking into account the circulated readings. **(15 marks)**
6. According to Nick Srnicek, what are the various categories of platforms? Describe the functioning and structure of any two of them. **(15 marks)**
7. Elaborate on the following propositions from the readings on finance: **(15 marks)**
 - o Financialization of platforms
 - o Finance on platforms