

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

Max Marks: 50

Instructions:

27 February 2025

Answer ANY TWO of the following questions from PART A in 400-500 words each. Each question in PART A is worth 15 marks

The question in PART B is mandatory, and needs to be answered in 700-800 words. It is worth 20 marks.

PART A

- 1) Why is land so central to narratives around mining (5 marks)? What are the various ways in which mining impacts land and land use patterns (10 marks)? (CO-1)
- 2) What do you understand by the resource curse theory (5 marks)? What are the crucial takeaways from this theory, useful for policy-making (10 marks)? (CO-2, CO-3)
- 3) Explain some of the major shifts in discourses around mining. Why and how have new themes emerged in discussions around mining? (CO-2, CO-3)
- 4) What do mining developmentalists, mining pragmatists and mining pessimists have to say about the opening up of new mining projects? Explain, with reasons. (CO-2, CO-3)

PART B

What are the various narratives you could identify in *Calling Hours*? Identify and explain broad themes in the play (10 marks). If this play were to be based on experiences in India, how do you think the script would change? Identify and explain some themes that you would expect in India (10 marks).