

Do not write your name on the assignment. Write your name only on the back of this sheet of paper and staple your answers on the front of this sheet of paper. Failure to follow these directions will cost you 1 point on the assignment.

Since Pakhi has dropped the course, that frees up India, which I believe was Jennifer's first choice for the second presentation. So, unless either of you complain, she will do India instead of Argentina, which Curt will like because he can now do that for his second presentation.

Also, since she dropped the course, would it be possible to change the class a little bit later. Either 3:00 - 3:55, or just 10 minutes later to 2:10 to 3:05?

- 1) (15 points) Do you think that the strong anti-trust laws that the US passed around a century ago helped or hurt the growth of the USA as an economic power? Why or why not?
- 2) (20 points) How do you think the social improvement movement in the 1960s (integration, women's rights, and the EPA) affected the growth of our economy in the long and short run? Explain your logic.
- 3) (30 points) Given the distribution of the federal government's revenues, what two changes would you make to it for helping the country grow in the future? How would those help our economy?
- 4) (10 points) Many people say we should balance the budget by cutting government spending. Why is that almost impossible to do? (Bush's latest proposal has a deficit about 14% of the budget. It is \$307,000,000,000 out of the \$2,200,000,000,000.)
- 5) (15 points) Some people say that our high income inequality is bad for the future. Why might that be true?
- 6) (10 points) There are more large firms than is historically normal. Why might that be good for our economy?