

Do not put your name anywhere on the assignment, other than on the back of this sheet of paper. Staple your answers on the front of this sheet of paper. Failure to follow these directions will cost you 1 point. Your assignment will be typed, except graphs can be drawn by hand and mathematical equations can be done by hand. Failure to type it will cost you 10 points. If you do double-sided printing or print on the back of scrap paper, I will give you one additional point.

- 1) (10 points) In this course, we make general statements about *less developed countries* (LDCs) like they are overpopulated. Why is this a bad practice?
- 2) (25 points) Illiteracy is a big problem in most LDCs. Explain three reasons why there are a large number of illiterate adults in these countries.
- 3) (15 points) Why did the developers of the *human development index* (HDI) include life expectancy in its calculation?
- 4) (25 points) All statistics have problems which reduce the usefulness of the statistic. What are two problems with the HDI other than problems with including real GDP per capita?
- 5) (25 points) Explain why inequitable treatment of the sexes can hold back economic development. What can the government do about this problem? Explain in some detail what the government can do and how it would reduce the problem.