

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.

Note that Thursday's class will be at 8:00 AM in the dining room. Monday's class will be held Tuesday night in the normal room at 7:00 PM. (All Monday classes will be held Tuesday because of the break.)

- 1) (20 points) What could the Soviet Union have done differently (in economic terms) that would have enabled it to survive more effectively for much longer? Explain why it would have lasted longer under your plan.
- 2) (20 points) There were aspects of the Soviet Union that would have displeased Marx. What would Marx be particularly upset about? Explain your logic.
- 3) (30 points) It has been said that *glasnost* helped to bring down the Soviet Union. Explain how this could have occurred. If *glasnost* had occurred in the 1950s, do you think the Soviet Union would have fallen more quickly than it did later? Explain your logic.
- 4) (30 points) Gorbachev is not well thought of in Russia, but is hailed as a hero in the USA. Explain why each group holds their own particular views of him.