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Economics 113

Homework #4

Due Tuesday 10/2

Place your name on the back of this sheet of paper and nowhere else. Staple your answers face up 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 use double-sided printing or print on the back of scrap paper, I will give you one additional point.

1) (15 points) What did Robert Owen do in Scotland? Why do you think it was successful?

2) (15 points) In the 19th Century, a large number of utopian societies started in France, England, and the USA. Most of them were successful for about 20 to 50 years but not after that. (Old Economy near Pittsburgh was an example.) Why do you think they worked for a while but then failed?

3) (15 points) Do you think theoretical capitalism, i.e., without any government intervention, or theoretical socialism would do a better job handling the pollution in the environment? Explain your answer discussing both an advantage of the one system and the disadvantage of the other system. Note, I am <u>not</u> talking about how either system works in reality.

4) (25 points) Explain Marx's *dialectic materialism*. Give an example from modern times which fits his argument. Explain how it fits his argument. Give an example which disproves his theory. Explain how it disproves his theory.

5) (20 points) Explain Marx's labor theory of value. What do you see as the greatest weakness of the theory? Explain your logic.

6) (10 points) Why did Marx predict ever worsening cycles? Explain his logic.