

Write your name on the cover of the test booklet and nowhere else. Enclose this sheet with the booklet. Failure to follow these directions will cost you 1 point. The test has 100 points and is scheduled to take 50 minutes. Therefore, expect to spend 1 minute for every 2 points. For example, a 16-point question should take 8 minutes. I will give a few extra minutes, but probably no later than about 5 or 10 minutes after the hour.

1) (16 points) Do EITHER part A OR part B.

A) Which government policy of Lenin and/or Stalin, do you think that Marx would have *liked* the most? Why would he have liked it?

B) Which government policy of Lenin and/or Stalin, do you think that Marx would have *disliked* the most? Why would he have disliked it?

2) (20 points) Do EITHER part A OR part B.

A) Do you think Khrushchev or Brezhnev did more to cause the ultimate downfall of the USSR? Why did you choose that leader?

B) Suppose that instead of trying to compete against the USA in space and weaponry, the USSR had decided to become a major exporter of food. Do you think they could have achieved that? Why or why not?

3) (20 points) Do EITHER part A OR part B.

A) One big problem with Russia is that it has an unstable government. What do you think Putin could do to stabilize the government? How would the action you describe stabilize the government?

B) In class, both of you said that Russia's greatest advantage going into the future is its natural resources. If you were Putin, how would you make sure the resources are used wisely rather than wasted and/or polluted? Explain how your policy would ensure the wise use of resources.

4) (20 points) Do EITHER part A OR part B.

A) One great threat to Russia's economic development is the Russian Mafia. If you were Putin, how would you reduce their influence? How would your policies have the desired effects?

B) One great threat to Russia's economic development is the government's deficits. What could Putin do to reduce this problem? How would those policies reduce this problem?

5) (24 points) There are many laws that had to be created during the transition from communism to capitalism. What TWO laws do you think were the most important? Why are they important for economics growth under capitalism?