

All parts of the assignment will be turned in at the end of the lab. Place your name on the back of this sheet of paper and nowhere else. Staple your answers on the front of this sheet of paper. Failure to follow these directions will cost you 10 points. 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) (20 points) What did Malthus predict about the world population? Explain his logic. Where did he go wrong? Explain the failure in his logic.

2) (15 points) Explain the population pessimists view of population. Why do they feel a larger population is bad for development?

3) (20 points) Why do richer countries have fewer children per family? Explain at least two reasons using economic logic.

4) (25 points) Draw the population pyramid for a poor country. Explain why it takes that shape.

5) (20 points) If you were the ruler of a country which wants to get its population growth rate to decrease, what would you do? Explain why that would have the desired effect.