

## The Last One!

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 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 do you think is the weakest aspect of the economy of the USA? Explain why you chose it. If you were the president, what would you do about that? Explain why your proposal would have a good effect.

2) (25 points) Germany uses the euro, €, as their currency. What is the big advantage of doing that? What is the big disadvantage of doing it? In net, do you think it is a help or hindrance to their economy. Explain your logic.

3) (15 points) In Germany, companies have interlocking boards of directors. In the USA, that would be illegal. Do you think it should be legal or illegal? Explain your logic.

4) (20 points) The Mittelstand has both strengths and weaknesses. What do you see as their greatest strength? Explain why you chose that. This article can help you. Given the source, I suspect that it is biased.

<https://www.bundeswirtschaftsministerium.de/Redaktion/EN/Dossier/sme-policy.html>

5) (20 points) Germany has a demographic bomb. What does that mean? Why is that a problem?