Homework #1 (mini)

Please answer the questions below. Total available points are 10. Show all work and briefly explain all answers. This homework is due on Monday, September 13, at the beginning of the class hour. Please be sure to indicate submission time and date on your homework.

Be sure to clearly show all work and provide explanations. Please write clearly and in an organized fashion. If you work with a group of students, write down the names of the students you are working with. Please review the syllabus for guidelines on group studying. Note that your final copy must represent your own work.

Observe that this homework is in the spirit of giving you an opportunity to cultivate your self learning skills and also encourage you to ask critical questions.

1. (10 points) **The answer to this question must be typed.** Please read the first package of articles circulated via e-mail with the title “Current Readings_Trade and employment_Package1_04”). Pick five articles of interest. Write down a multiple choice question for each article.

   Make sure that the question is based on a global economics issue, and the answer to the question is clearly laid out in the article.

   **Please make an effort to pose non trivial questions.** Straightforward questions such as “According to the article, in 2003 the US trade deficit is projected to be around a. 4% of GDP, b. 2% of GDP.” does not adequately stimulate your mind. At the end of the question please provide the answer explicitly and a brief explanation. The brief explanation should be at least a paragraph.

   For each question also explain why your question is non-trivial and why it requires some thinking. This should be no more than two-three sentences. Failure to include this explanation will result in a 1 point deduction for each section.

Homework #2 (mini)

Please answer the questions below. Total available points are 10. Show all work and briefly explain all answers. This homework is due on Wednesday, September 15, at the beginning of the class hour. Please be sure to indicate submission time and date on your homework.

1. (10 points) **The answer to this question must be typed.** Propose at least 3 topics for your research project. For each one include the following information. Please be brief but yet comprehensive. Answers in bullet points would be fine.

   What is the topic worthwhile to investigate? What can we learn from it? Will it help us to draw some policy implications (i.e. can we learn any particular lessons from it so that we can devise some new policies to support a resolve to defend the dignity of all people)?

   How do you plan to investigate the issue? Any particular methodologies? Investigating trends, running some regressions, applying theoretical models, running numerical simulations? Do you plan to carry out a cross-country analysis, time series investigation or else?