**Comparative Economic Systems**

Answer each of the following questions fully regarding socialism, communism and capitalism:

* Consider the common criticism of socialism on the grounds that it discourages individual initiative.  What assumption about initiative underlies this criticism?  Is this assumption valid?  Why or why not?
* How might a socialist and a capitalist government differ in its treatment of the problem of unemployment?
* In your opinion, should the government have the responsibility of providing health care for every citizen?  Why or why not?
* Is a dictatorship necessary to the existence of a communist society?  Why or why not?