Write up in Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, LATEX, or alternative word processor with fixed pages.

The content of each paragraph may be in a different order that listed in the rubric, but all items must be included. If you are concerned about the language portion, consider utilizing our university's resources such as the Writer's Workshop.

		Full Points	Half Points		No Points	
Content	Points	Description	Points	Description	Points	Description
Paragraph 1 [40 points]						
Overview						
Prediction problem						
Is there one?	10	yes		N/A	0	no
Prediction-based question	10	prediction problem		N/A	0	causal problem
Context	10	provided		N/A	0	not provided
Motivation (why should an economist/policy-maker care?)	10	persuaded enough	5	not persuaded	0	not provided
Paragraph 2 [20 points] Data						
Regression or classification problem? Data	4	specified		N/A	0	not specified
Data set(s)	4	provided data source(s)		N/A	0	did not
What is the y-variable?	4	described y variables		N/A	0	did not
# of observations <sup>1</sup>	4	$\geq 1,000$		N/A	0	< 1,000
# of covariates <sup>1</sup>	4	$\geq 10$		N/A	0	< 10
Paragraph 3 [20 Points]						

Expectations					
Expected outcome					
Top 3 important covariates	6	2 points each	N/A	0	none provided
Exp. sign of corr. of $\uparrow$	6	2 points each	N/A	0	none provided
top 3 with y					
One potential problem (any	8	Provided	N/A	0	not provided
kind) you may encounter					
Format [20 Points]					
$\leq 1 \text{ page}$	5	yes	N/A	0	no
Followed above ¶format	5	yes	N/A	0	no
Typos/grammatical errors	10	none to some	5 many	0	unintelligible

[100 Points]

Total Points:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unless prior approval