

midterm

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Blue Book #:.....

- Put your name and Blue Book # above. Put the same # on the Blue Book, say last 4 digits of your phone number, etc. Do not put your name on your blue book.
- You have only **2hrs**. Answer all questions. Each question has the same weight.
- The exam is open book, open note. However, you may only use your own books and notes. You may not share books, notes, or calculators with other students. Cell phones and other devices are prohibited.
- Write legibly—if i cannot read it, i cannot grade it!
- Be to the point, avoid padding/boilerplate. Do not dump everything that you know and ask me to pick what is relevant.
- Hand in BOTH your test and blue book, in SEPARATE piles.

- 1 Motivate the proposition that the world is flat. Give at least 3 arguments in favor. [as always be to the point! eg don't discuss the proposition that the world is spiky]
- 2 Give at least 4 examples and briefly discuss when economic growth does not lead to economic development (except pollution and inequality)
- 3 Was Camden resilient to manufacturing death? Why?
- 4 What is a city? How can we define it according to Wirth (1938), what are the three defining characteristics of urbanicity?
- 5 Give at least 3 examples of the first law of geography. (except industry clustering)
- 6 How agglomeration economies help to explain growth of cities?
- 7 Labor specialization and urbanization are positively related. True or false? Why?
- 8 Why data are important for regional economic development?
- 9 Let's assume that South Jersey has a comparative advantage at production of peaches and North Jersey has a comparative advantage at production of financial services. How the production and trade should be setup to maximize utility/consumption? What problems they may arise if you maximize utility/consumption?
- 10 How urbanization is likely to affect innovation/creativity?

References

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