

Macroeconomics II – Essay Assignment 1

Essay question: *What is remarkable about Modern Economic Growth, and which main factors (explanatory variables) have economists put forward to try and account for it?*

Instructions (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY):

Maximum word length: 1,000 words, excluding the cover elements (essay title, student name and number) and the references/bibliography. One (1) mark (on a scale of 0-20) will be deducted from the essay grade for going beyond the maximum, plus another one (1) mark for each 50 words beyond the maximum.

- 1) Read the booklet “how to write an essay”, which you can download from Aquila.
- 2) Keep the essay short and focus your attention on understanding AND answering the question.
- 3) Include a cover page in which you write the essay title, your full name and your student number. Essays without clear and adequate identification of the author will not be evaluated.
- 4) Include a list of references at the end of the essay.
- 5) 3) and 4), above, do not count as essay words or pages.
- 6) Read the notes about the evaluation of essays (in Aquila), which will help you understand what is expected of your work and how it is evaluated.
- 7) Send your essay by email, before midnight on 15th of March, to macro2iseg@gmail.com AND to the institutional email of the lecturer of your practical class group (alexandreabreu@iseg.ulisboa.pt OR cnbranco@iseg.ulisboa.pt). The essays MUST be sent to two different email addresses for redundancy – it is your responsibility to ensure that they are correctly submitted by email. Essays received after 00:00 on 15th March will suffer a one (1) mark deduction (on a 0-20 scale) for each day of delay, up to a maximum of three days of delay (3 marks deduction for essays received on 18 March). No essays will be accepted beyond 18th of March.
- 8) You MUST submit your essay as a Word file. The title of the file MUST start with your name. Examples: Carla_Cardoso_GrowthFacts.doc **OR** António_Sousa_GrowthFacts.doc. Failure to comply with this will imply a one (1) mark penalty (on a 0-20 scale).
- 9) All ideas and phrases taken from other people’s work MUST be adequately referenced. Failure to do this properly will lead to an essay mark of 0 (zero). All essays will be checked using ISEG’s anti-plagiarism software.

Good luck with your work.