

**EE 401: Political Economy
Semester 2/2017**

ESSAY ASSIGNMENT

Reading

Malthus, Thomas Robert, 1993. *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, edited with an introduction and notes by Geoffrey Gilbert. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Chapter 1	Question stated
Chapter 2	The different ratios in which population and food increase

Sen, Amartya, 2000. *Development as Freedom*. Anchor Book.

Sen, Amartya, 1984. *Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Question

Evaluate the validity of Malthus's population theory on both theoretical (logical) and empirical grounds.

Submission Date: Soft and hard files by Wednesday 16 May 2017, 14:00 hr.

Writing Guidelines:

1. No longer than 4 pages of A4 paper (excluding tables, pictures or diagrams) with **the left, right, top and bottom margins of 1 inch each**.
2. Use Times New Roman 12 pt font with single space.
3. Do not write long paragraphs. Each paragraph should contain only one single point of important argument followed by supporting discussion.
4. Discuss your points logically and systematically. Do not contradict yourself.
5. **Use economic reasoning and real world examples carefully.**
6. Beware of using common arguments from the media; they are mostly misleading, sentimental and ill-informed.
7. Formal style of quotation and referencing is important.
8. Submit your essay by the deadline. Points will be deducted for late submission.
9. Plagiarism will receive severe penalty.