

## Assignment 1: Answer

1. In defining development to include more than just the growth of per capita income, there is an implicit assumption that the growth of per capita income alone is not sufficient to guarantee the reduction of poverty and the growth of self-esteem. Is it possible that there could be growth of per capita income without the achievement of these other objectives?

**Answer:** Per capita income can show growth even when that growth does not touch vast portions of the population. The growth may be centered in one area or sector of the economy for example. Also, most developed countries have, at some time in their histories, introduced policies emphasizing equality.

2. What are the most important characteristics that have shaped Brazil's economic and social progress during the last three decades?

**Answer:** The large degree of income inequality, the need for land reform as a result of the dualistic nature of the land tenure system and the environmental challenge faced by what is one of the world's most environmentally diverse countries.

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