

Assignment 2 (Individual Written Assignment)

The outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic which became publicly recognised in end-January 2020 has affected many economies worldwide. The pandemic has impacted the global hospitality and tourism industry directly and has been disrupting global supply chains since then, adversely impacting even more economies worldwide.

As a Researcher working for a leading Research Institute, you have been tasked to conduct a research and prepare a report on the COVID-19 pandemic in **ONE (1)** country of your choice. The report should cover the following key areas:

- Overview of the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis.
 - Impact of COVID-19 on the economy and the society of that chosen country.
 - Economic and social policies implemented by the Government of this country in response to the crisis.
 - Evaluation on the underlying rationales and effectiveness of these policies implemented.
1. This assignment aims to provide association between what you learned in class and real-life economic events happening around you. Where applicable, illustrate your discussion with diagrams and economic models to enhance your discussion.
 2. More marks will be awarded for reports, which provide **more comprehensive, balanced and in-depth analysis** with **adequate referencing to the economic concepts and models**.
 3. While conducting the research, you are free to discuss on all relevant information from numerous sources which relate to the COVID-19 and the economy of the chosen country. Do not rely on one source and do compare and contrast perspectives. For use of internet sources, you should note that there is no quality control over the information in the web. As far as possible, you should choose website established by authoritative institutions such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) or the respective countries' government official websites. And avoid Wikipedia definitions!

This assignment is aimed at a number of competency elements, specifically:

- *Researching* in terms of searching for and evaluating newspaper, magazine articles, reports and academic journals that are suitable for this assignment.
- *Analysis* of the information presented in the article and how the macroeconomic event could be explained using economic models.
- *Assessing* the suitability of the economic models to analyse the macroeconomic event and what are the limitations of the models.
- *Presentation* in putting forward the information and analysis you have in a form, which is clear, accurate and easy to understand.

Additional assignments guidelines:

- The report should be between **2,400 and 2,600 words**.
- Assignments should be type-written using **12-font size** and **1.5 line spacing**. Please include **page number**.
- **References** are a key aspect of an essay. Any idea, theme, or argument that you found in the literature and used in your essay must be **cited within the essay**.
- Include a **reference list and bibliography** at the end of your assignment.
- The completed essay with the references should be submitted through the **Brightspace system**.
- Course members should familiarise themselves with the University's policy on the late submission of coursework.
- This assignment must be submitted by **26 June 2020**.
- Please read the Grade Descriptors in the Assignment 2 Grade Descriptor table.