

Worksheet 8 and 10, April 11 and 25, 2017

I advise you to work through the following problems /questions well and as a group (make sure though that no one is free-riding); it's the ticket to performing reasonably well on the exams. Number of points indicates the expected scope of the answer (should roughly correspond to time in minutes).

- 1) **[15 points]** Which were the most pressing environmental problems after the fall of communism in CR? What was the main goal of the government and which were the main measures implemented? Which features of the economy in transition helped to improve the environment after 1989? Would you say that the CR was successful in tackling the most serious environmental problems? Discuss.
- 2) **[10 points]** Which would you say are the current issues of environmental protection in CR, but in Europe as well? What features of modern society and/or international context contributes to that problem? What can be done to improve the situation on national and/or international level (also here, no right answer in mind, looking for your opinion, lecture notes could help, though)? Discuss.
- 3) **[10 points]** What would you call the greatest success and the greatest failure of the environmental protection in CR between 1989 and 2004 (looking for your opinion here)? Explain and discuss.
- 4) **[5 points]** Are there any environmental issues, inherited from the communist era, which have not been resolved sufficiently by now? What could be the reasons behind the poor improvement in some areas?

The questions below are only relevant after April 25 class.

- 5) **[10 points]** Which areas of environmental protection were the most financially demanding shortly after the Velvet revolution (or, in other words where did the most of the money go)? Could you think of the reasons why?
- 6) **[10 points]** Which economic and financial instruments of environmental protection in the Czech Republic have we reviewed? Sort them according to what kind of stimuli (positive or negative) they use. Pick one that you find poorly designed or implemented in CR, explain why, and how it could be improved.
- 7) **[10 points]** What is the Environmental Kuznets Curve? Where does its name come from? And what is the basic functional relationship claimed? What are the possible explanations for the existence of such a relationship (briefly explain each)?