Globalization Briefing Paper – Blog Assignment

Read the Globalization Briefing Paper (College Board), and thoroughly answer at least two of the question below (150+ words) on Blackboard.  Then, comment on the post of at least one other classmate. (3 posts total)

1) Define “globalization”. Explain some of the interconnections that characterize globalization. Why has “sensitivity” and “vulnerability” become an issue due to globalization?

2) Does globalization limit countries ability to act independently? Explain. How have countries attempted to erect barriers to globalization? According to neoclassical liberal theory, how should reducing tariff barriers benefit poor countries?

3) What does “FDI” stand for? Why is it significant to globalization? What are “MNCs” and what is their role in economic globalization? What percentage of the world’s exports are accounted for by MNCs? Why have MNC’s become a political force?

4) Why does globalization benefit some countries more than others? What are some of the problems associated with unequal distribution of wealth from globalization? Why have women been harmed more than men from globalization? Provide a list of some of these gender issues and examples.

5) What is “market failure” and why is it associated with the negative impact of globalization on the environment? Which types of issues are best addressed through global governance and regional integration?

6) Does globalization lead automatically to democracy? Explain this in the context of the words, “civil society.” What is the concept of “cultural imperialism”? How is that concept being challenged by globalization?

7) How can globalization weaken a state? Give some examples. What are some of the dilemmas that states face due to globalization? Specifically explain the problem with retaining “human capital.”

8) What are some examples of globalization leading to state disintegration? How do some states try to counter these threats? Provide evidence of the growth in “global citizenship”. What are “transnational advocacy networks” and what sort of causes are these involved with?

9) What is the “democratic deficit” and why is this an issue with institutions of global governance? What are NGOs? What sort of roles do they play in globalization?

10) Is the “sovereign state” disappearing with globalization? Explain. Examine the Summary-Costs and Benefits of Globalization.” Explain each and provide examples.