Exam 2020: Maximum 20 points for this task.

Deadline: 22.12.2020; 23:55.

Imagine, that you work in some Finnish/your country (for exchange students) company that decided to explore business opportunities in a certain Russian region. The head of your department gave you a task to write a small report about this region`s economy based on available information in Internet sources.

Please, follow the instructions.

1. Choose the Russian region among suggested (Select Russian region for exam in MyCourses web page). Please, note, two or more students cannot take the same region. There are 71 Russian regions for choice; I also excluded St. Petersburg, Moscow, Moscow and Leningrad regions to make the choices more fair and comparable.
2. Write an essay (2-3 pages; 12 pt; Time New Romans; 1 inch margins in all sides; 1.5 space - these requirements are strict) following (strictly) the plan below.
3. Please, indicate in the beginning of the essay if you have knowledge in Russian language and how good it is. It will not affect your grade but give me an understanding if you could use or not sources in Russian language.

Plan for exam essay:

1. Describe geographical position of the region and how it affects economic geography of the region (climate, availability of natural resources, population trends in relation to Region`s economic development).
2. Describe economy of the chosen Russian region. Discuss it`s economy, sectoral structure, economic development in recent years/decades (depending on what you can find about this region in Internet sources).
3. Please, list data/availability of information challenges you faced during preparation of this task.

I should note that my grading of this task will be flexible because regional information on Russia available in Internet sources in English language might not be evenly presented across regions. I will more grade your efforts to obtain relevant information and ability to analyze available information.