**Exercises for Economics of Income Distribution**

Answer Q1-Q3 based on “The case against equality of opportunity”.

1. Why is equality of opportunity is a bad metric to measure inequality? Discuss by giving an example.
2. Give an example to explain why equality of opportunity is tyrannical.
3. Is it hard or easy to know whether equality of opportunity is achieved or not? Show your argument using an example.

Answer Q4-Q9 based on “Inequality” by Pinker.

1. Steven Pinker argues that equality of income is not a fundamental component of well-being like health, prosperity, or safety. Give an example to support this view.
2. It is well-known that economic inequality – especially wealth inequality – is linked to economic stagnation. Steven Pinker acknowledges this link but rejects reducing inequality to solve stagnation. What is Pinker’s solution?
3. Economic inequality is increasing almost in all countries. But global inequality is decreasing. How is this possible?
4. What is Kuznet’s curve?
5. Explain the trunk of the “Elephant Curve”.
6. In this chapter, Pinker makes many different arguments. Criticize at least one of them.