All questions below are to be answered according to the essay “The American Economy is Rigged” by J. Stiglitz.

1. Give three examples for recent trends that show rising inequality in the US.
2. What are the possible causes of the rising inequality in the US?
3. Why does globalization (reducing wages in the US due to global competition) alone cannot explain the rising inequality in the US?
4. Why is there a gap between wages and productivity according to Stiglitz?
5. According to Stiglitz, monopolization and market power of firms substantially contribute to rising inequality in the US. What is the economic role of “fixed costs” in monopolization?

**IMPORTANT: This essay is written by one of the best scientific authors alive, Joseph Stiglitz. So the essay is very interesting, fun to read, and enormously important. Please read the whole essay line by line. When you see a word that you do not know, look it up in the dictionary.**