

Chapter 1 The World Economy

Question 1.4

Try to locate the working paper “When did globalization begin?” written by K.H. O'Rourke and J.G. Williamson on the internet at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) website (www.nber.org). Licensed persons may download the working paper from this site.

- 1.4A What do O'Rourke and Williamson test in their paper?
- 1.4B How do the authors measure the degree of globalization?
- 1.4C What is the general conclusion of the paper?

Question 1.5

- 1.5A Search the internet for data on land area, population, GNP in current US\$, GNP in PPP US\$ and export and import in current US\$ for your country. Try to find data for 2004 so that you can compare your results with the tables in chapter 1. Go for example to the statistical agency of your country or the website of the World Bank (www.worldbank.org). Other sources are of course also acceptable as long as you give a clear reference.
- 1.5B Explain the difference between GNP in current US\$ and GNP in PPP US\$.
- 1.5C Compare your data with the tables in chapter 1 and comment whether your country is relatively large or relatively small in comparison to the other countries in the world.
- 1.5D Is your country relatively rich or poor?
- 1.5E Is your country relatively open to trade or not?