Policy Brief 1: Brazil You should write a policy brief which addresses the causes of slow growth that the Brazilian economy has been facing, and suggests policies that would improve this situation. Guidelines In your policy brief you are expected to: -Succinctly explain the relevance of the policy brief and highlight its objective. -Provide a short introduction/overview of the Brazilian economy -Identify the main causes behind the lagging economic performance of the Brazilian economy in the past few decades, combining theoretical approaches and empirical data. You will need to state explicitly which theories/paradigms/models you are working with, and to present relevant data (the type of data must be consistent with the selected theories). For example, if you work with the idea of structural change, you will need to present empirical evidence validating the importance of this chosen theoretical approach for the Brazilian case. To present only empirical data without explaining them (i.e., without making the appropriate connections to the broader theoretical approaches and with the Brazilian case) is insufficient. Likewise, to write a purely theoretical section without presenting any empirical evidence is equally insufficient. You will need to make a coherent argument on the causes behind Brazil’s poor economic performance in the past decades, showing data and interpreting it in the light of your chosen theoretical paradigm. Keep in mind that most likely you will need to choose more than one theory/paradigm/model, but make sure they are complementary and consistent with each other. -Suggest economic policies: After identifying the major constraints and obstacles halting economic growth in Brazil, you are expected to offer coherent policy recommendations. You should aim t address the major obstacles that you identified previously, and to recommend policies that will potentially ameliorate these problems and which will hopefully unleash the growth potential of the Brazilian economy.